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Gill, Ronald Kenneth	AC2/C	2213979	Grad SGT
Gilmour, James Charles Hoy	LAC	980350	Held over to Course 25
Gore, John Harrington	AC2/C	1808863	Held over to Course 25
Grange, Peter Welham	AC2/C	1804979	Grad SGT
Grieve, Alexander Sutherland	AC2/C	1822809	Grad SGT
Gutsell, George Bertram	AC2/C	1810023	Grad SGT
Hammond, John	AC2/C	1880425	Grad SGT
Harrison, Henry Newham	AC2/C	1867829	Reassigned navigator
Hart, John Bobson	AC2/C	1677865	Reassigned navigator
Harwood, George William	AC2/C	1589224	Grad SGT
Hawley, Kenneth Davis	AC2/C	1898229	Reassigned navigator
Hemming, Stanley Walter	AC2/C	1818340	Grad P/O
Hesselwood, Walter Reg	AC2/C	1606307	Grad SGT
Hilton, John Maxwell	AC2/C	2201994	Reassigned navigator
Holmes, John	W/O	744838	Grad P/O
Holt, William	AC2/C	2213866	Grad SGT
Huddleston, John William	AC2/C	1637895	Reassigned air gunner
Hughes, Sidney Gwynne	LAC	1891167	Grad P/O
Jerome, Vernon	AC2/C	1816629	Grad P/O
Kerans, Frank	CPL	1060434	Grad SGT
Kerr, Gordon Cecil	LAC	1809301	Reassigned air bomber
King, Sidney	AC2/C	1810209	Reassigned
Lampkin, Henry Arthur	AC2/C	1589237	Reassigned air bomber
Leadley, Alfred Nesbit	AC2/C	1672933	Grad SGT
Leak, Kenneth Raymond	AC2/C	1684299	Grad SGT
Lear, Walter Charles	AC2/C	1860310	Grad SGT
Lever, Raymond Arthur	AC2/C	2201731	Grad P/O
Lewis, Barrington Walter G.	AC2/C	1606171	Reassigned navigator
Lewis, Malcolm Frederick J.	AC2/C	1861591	Grad SGT
LLoyd, Trevor George Peter	AC2/C	1606302	Grad SGT
MacCorkindale, Peter Bernard	AC2/C	1808570	Grad P/O, G/C, RAF retired
Marks, Harold Cyril	AC2/C	1606180	Reassigned navigator, S/L
Mason, George	AC2/C	1808262	Grad SGT
Mattison, William John	AC2/C	1699698	Grad SGT
McKernan, Kevin Patrick	AC2/C	1806444	Reassigned navigator
McTaggart, Chrys Herbert	W/O	902423	Grad, W/O
(name change to Madsen)			
Milverton, William Norman	AC2/C	1606245	Grad SGT
Mitchell, George Jesse Howe	AC2/C	2213871	Reassigned
Monkman, David	AC2/C	2200031	Grad SGT
Moss, Noel Robert	AC2/C	1808591	Grad P/O, OBE, W/C, RAF retired
Mottram, James Cecil	AC2/C	1814059	Grad P/O
Nicolls, James Albert	AC2/C	1810108	Reassigned
Nightingale, Ronald	AC2/C	1606153	Grad SGT
Owen, David William	AC2/C	1590454	Grad P/O
Pennicott, David Arthur	AC2/C	1891091	Reassigned navigator
Perrett, Colin Charles	AC2/C	1606490	Reassigned air bomber
Plumb, George Ronald	AC2/C	1807904	Grad P/O
Poole, Sidney William	AC2/C	1609851	Grad SGT
Richardson, George	AC2/C	1572864	Grad SGT
Russell, John	AC2/C	1892364	Grad P/O
Schofield, Alan	AC1/C	1737016	Grad SGT
Smith, Ernest Brian	AC2/C	2203332	Reassigned navigator

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Smith, Gordon Edgar	AC2/C	1590484	Grad P/O
Smout, Kenneth Alan	AC2/C	1816160	Grad P/O
Stevens, Alan Reginald Travers	AC2/C	1608728	Reassigned air bomber
Stirling, James McAlonan	AC2/C	1143439	Reassigned
Stoessel, Frederick Alexander	AC2/C	2200187	Reassigned
Summers, Gerald Reginald	AC2/C	1851682	Reassigned air bomber
Taylor, Gordon	AC2/C	1589094	Reassigned air bomber
Taylor, William Boneham	AC2/C	1866175	Grad SGT
Taylorson, Anthony William F.	AC2/C	1813980	Reassigned
Thomas, David Kenneth Vincent	AC2/C	1669434	Grad SGT
Toseland, Norman Leonard	AC2/C	1860392	Grad P/O
Troube, Abraham Myer	W/O	551072	Reassigned wireless op./air gunner
Truelove, Donald Davis	AC2/C	1869415	Grad P/O
Turkington, Douglas Fairburn	AC2/C	1572926	Reassigned navigator
Waley, Oliver Simon	AC2/C	1891976	Reassigned
Wallin, Douglas John	AC2/C	1880044	Grad P/O
Westlake, Charles John Richard	AC2/C	1608805	Held over to Course 25
Whalley, Lawrence Stanley	AC2/C	1589496	Grad SGT
Wheeler, Eric James	LAC	1805469	Grad SGT
Whitehouse, Geoffrey	AC2/C	1699334	Held over to Course 25
Wickens, Dudley William Gerald	AC2/C	1609885	Grad SGT
Wilkinson, Leonard	AC2/C	2206750	Reassigned
Williams, John Enderby	AC2/C	1609532	Reassigned
Wren, Joseph William	LAC	925095	Reassigned
Young, Joseph Henry	AC2/C	1795947	Reassigned



Course 25

Beginning Date: January 29, 1945

Graduation Date: August 25, 1945

Wings presented by Air Marshal Douglas Colyer CB, DFC, Rafdel. Other dignitaries included Brigadier General H. L. Clark representing the Commanding General, USAAF Western Flying Training Command; Brigadier General Morse, Commanding General, 38th Flying Training Wing, USAAF; Colonel Woody, Commanding Officer, 3010th USAAF Base Unit, Williams Field; and Wing Commander J. C. Graham, Assistant Director of Training, Rafdel.

Name	Rank	Service Number	Additional Information
Allen, Donald Leslie	AC2/C	1810857	Grad SGT
Anderson, Geoffrey George	AC2/C	1609088	Reassigned navigator
Anderson, John Barry	AC2/C	1862124	Grad P/O
Back, Edward John	AC2/C	1809540	Grad SG
Bacon, Ronald	AC2/C	1815980	Reassigned
Bailey, Victor	AC2/C	1817574	Grad P/O

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Bain, Douglas John	AC2/C	1820420	Grad P/O
Bain, Gordon James	AC2/C	1810242	Grad P/O
Baker, Dennis Ronald	AC2/C	1606563	Grad SGT
Baker, Gordon William Douglas	AC2/C	2200097	Reassigned
Bandy, Hugh Geoffrey	AC2/C	1861443	Held over to Course 26 (seriously injured in a PT-17 flying accident on 21 Feb 45)
Barnett, Ronald John Frederick	AC2/C	1609771	Reassigned air bomber
Bayliss, George Arthur Robert	AC2/C	1668556	Grad SGT, F/L
Benfield, Raymond Frank	AC2/C	1862122	Grad P/O
Benge, Roy Stanley	AC2/C	1809271	Reassigned air bomber
Blake, Michael	AC2/C	1609416	Grad SGT
Brander, James Laing	AC2/C	1699832	Reassigned
Breed, Gordon John Edward	AC2/C	1811233	Reassigned
Brittaine, Lawrence Joseph	AC2/C	1860222	Grad SGT
Brown, Donald Knight	AC2/C	1816076	Held over to Course 26
Cafferty, Nicol Muir	AC2/C	1820364	Grad SGT
Capes, Basil Leslie	AC2/C	1895131	Reassigned
Carlisle, Edwin Thomas Mills	AC2/C	1589254	Grad SGT
Chapell, Thomas Albert Edward	AC2/C	1810776	Reassigned air bomber
Cleaver, William Spencer	AC2/C	1606306	Grad SGT
Clifton, Douglas Fletcher	AC2/C	1861718	Grad SGT
Coker, Edgar	AC2/C	1816645	Grad P/O
Dobell, Norman Henry	AC2/C	2206956	Grad SGT
Evans, Peter Ramsey	AC2/C	1813625	Grad P/O
Fairlie, James	AC2/C	1821427	Held over to Course 26
Fenwick, Norman William	AC2/C	1816191	Reassigned
Flower, Donald Harry	AC2/C	1810115	Grad P/O
Furniss, George Allan	AC2/C	2214019	Grad SGT
Garrett, Reuben Victor	AC2/C	1860693	Grad SGT
Gibson, Geoffrey Ottway	AC2/C	2206748	Grad SGT
Gilbert, Reginald Henry	AC2/C	1817155	Held over to Course 26
Gilmour, James Charles Hoy	LAC	980350	Grad SGT
Godsell, Ronald Clifford Charles	AC2/C	1809638	Held over to Course 26
Gore, John Harrington	AC2/C	1808863	Grad P/O
Griffin, Charles Henry	AC2/C	1816186	Reassigned
Grover, Eric Edward	AC2/C	1809634	Reassigned air bomber
Hagan, George Edward	AC2/C	2206627	Grad SGT
Haley, John Wilfred James	AC2/C	1813785	Grad P/O
Hand, Clifford	AC2/C	936725	Reassigned
Hardyman, Eric James	AC2/C	1609755	Grad SGT
Hastings, Clifford Warren	AC2/C	1810443	Reassigned air bomber
Hayton, Thomas	AC2/C	2200047	Grad SGT
Henderson, Rayford Hubert	AC2/C	1811311	Reassigned
Hickmott, Maurice Ernest John	AC2/C	1609960	Grad P/O, DFC, S/L, RAF retired
Hilsden, Roland Ernest	AC2/C	1809774	Reassigned navigator
Hollis, John Ivor Jeffrey	AC2/C	1810965	Grad SGT
Holmes, Gordon James	AC2/C	1860033	Reassigned
Horwood, Francis Osmund	AC2/C	1861147	Held over to Course 26
Howarth, Stanley Lawrence	AC2/C	1606720	Grad SGT
Jackson, Kenneth	AC2/C	1591855	Grad SGT
Larkins, Edward Stanton	AC2/C	1814419	Grad SGT
Lawson, Granville	AC2/C	2206638	Grad SGT
Lillyman, John Maurice Henry	AC2/C	1810801	Grad P/O

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Livingstone-Spence, David	AC2/C	1811329	Grad P/O
MacInnes, Neil Ian	AC2/C	3021801	Grad P/O
Marlow, Sidney Herbert	AC2/C	1810715	Grad P/O
McEvoy, Patrick John	AC2/C	1861162	Reassigned
Neal, Donald Edward	AC2/C	1609617	Grad SGT
Nightingale, Clifton John	AC2/C	1810287	Reassigned
Parker, Harold Colin	AC2/C	2202242	Reassigned air bomber
Parmiter, Alfred Derek	AC2/C	1809916	Grad SGT
Parry, Geoffrey Owen	AC2/C	1811358	Held over to Course 26
Patman, Henry Damen	AC2/C	1864301	Reassigned
Pick, Edwin Arnold Olaf	AC2/C	1814332	Grad SGT
Porthouse, William	AC2/C	2213717	Reassigned
Pugh, Kenneth Ivor	AC2/C	1809590	Reassigned navigator
Pullan, Kenneth Herbert	AC2/C	1816576	Grad SGT
Pumford, John Roderick	AC2/C	1862257	Reassigned air bomber
Richardson, David John	AC2/C	1811058	Grad SGT
Rideout, Cecil Frank Austin	AC2/C	1811023	Grad SGT
Robshaw, Harry	AC2/C	2200209	Grad SGT
Rogers, Peter Conway	AC2/C	1815522	Reassigned
Romano, Carmine	AC2/C	1809885	Reassigned
Rooke, Albert Waller	AC2/C	1809390	Grad SGT
Ruck, Albert Leonard	AC2/C	1817374	Reassigned
Ryan, Hubert Gerard	AC1	1319501	Reassigned air bomber
Sayer, Sidney Peter	AC2/C	1809919	Grad SGT
Shackle, William Edwin	AC2/C	1809888	Held over to Course 26
Sissons, Paul John Charles	AC2/C	1860223	Grad SGT
Spencer, John Ralph Thomas	AC2/C	1810686	Grad SGT 05 Sep 45
Stafford, Leslie Horace	AC2/C	1860790	Grad SGT
Stewart, Peter Russell	AC2/C	1812118	Grad P/O, S/L
Strickland, Terence Lee	AC2/C	1863739	Grad SGT
Stringer, Derrick Gilbert	AC2/C	1811035	Grad SGT
Stubbings, Kenneth Jack	AC2/C	1868980	Reassigned
Sutton, John Victor	AC2/C	1868374	Grad SGT
Tarbox, Edmund Walter	AC2/C	1812481	Grad P/O
Taylor, Gordon William	AC2/C	1862137	Grad SGT
Wall, Frederick Warner	AC2/C	1817299	Held over to Course 26
Warwick, Vivian Nevile	AC2/C	1818714	Grad P/O
Westlake, Charles John Richard	AC2/C	1608805	Reassigned
Whateley, Basil Charles	AC2/C	1817382	Grad SGT
Whitehouse, Geoffrey	AC2/C	1699334	Grad P/O
Whittaker, Patrick James	AC2/C	1589210	Grad P/O, S/L
Wild, John Bernard	AC2/C	1589210	Grad P/O
Williams, Frederick George	AC2/C	1606475	Held over to Course 26
Winstanley, Roy Desmond John	AC2/C	1816619	Reassigned air bomber
Wiseman, Robert Charles	AC2/C	1814169	Reassigned
Woodcock, Dennis Drummond	AC2/C	2204287	Grad P/O
Woolgar, Keith	AC2/C	1606337	Grad SGT 05 Sep 45
Workman, Edwin	AC2/C	1816968	Grad SGT
Wotton, Frederick Ernest	AC2/C	1861730	Grad SGT

Course 25 Note: In his graduation remarks, Air Marshal Colyer told the graduates that after returning to England they could choose to either continue training or be discharged immediately. The war was over.



Course 26

Beginning Date: April 9, 1945

Graduation Date: Did not graduate

Name	Rank	Service Number	Additional Information
Artus, Thomas Norman	AC2/C	1851111	
Atkins, Harold Jeffrey	AC2/C	3011757	
Ayres, Ronald Oubridge	AC2/C	1881430	KIS 16 Feb 46, age 21, pilot U/T, buried Bromley (St. Luke's) Cemetery, Kent, UK
Bailey, Algernon Stewart	AC2/C	2204130	KIS 28 Jan 46, age 21, cadet pilot, buried Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire, UK
Baldwin, William Arthur	AC2/C	1589806	Reassigned
Ballard, Kenneth Walter C.	AC2/C	1811228	
Bandy, Hugh Geoffrey	AC2/C	1861443	Reassigned
Barber, Dennis Raymond W.	AC2/C	1865873	
Barker, Frank David	AC2/C	1813667	
Barker, Michael Arthur	AC2/C	2211359	
Barlow, Carl Leslie	AC2/C	1203175	Reassigned
Beeby, Ralph	AC2/C	1818648	
Bell, Joseph Davis	AC2/C	1796245	
Bentley, Peter James	AC2/C	3005985	
Bodger, George Duncan	AC2/C	1590545	
Body, Sidney Leonard	AC2/C	1851305	
Bolland, John Manton	AC2/C	1589943	Reassigned
Bowler, Geoffrey Harold	AC2/C	1850922	
Braidwood, John	AC2/C	1821352	Reassigned
Brebner, Derek Francis James	AC2/C	1861608	Held over to Course 27
Brown, Donald Charles	AC2/C	1897799	
Brown, Donald Knight	AC2/C	1816076	
Brown, Laurence	AC2/C	1813557	KIS 08 Oct 48
Buckley, John Fieldon	AC2/C	1812204	
Burg, Frederick Arthur	AC2/C	1868129	Held over to Course 27
Butchers, Robert	AC2/C	1606264	Reassigned
Cahoon, Herbert Keith	AC2/C	1817087	Reassigned
Chapman, Calvin	AC2/C	1818470	
Clarke, Herbert	AC2/C	1851216	
Clarke, Leslie Edwin	AC2/C	1873159	
Coath, Geoffrey Leonard	AC2/C	1865155	Reassigned
Collier, Keith	LAC	1530084	
Corkill, Laurence Vandy	AC2/C	3012867	Reassigned
Cripps, Donald Herbert James	AC2/C	1850208	
Crosswell, John Basil	AC2/C	1851495	Reassigned
Dalmon, James	AC2/C	1893440	Reassigned
Dann, Brian Henry Bernard	AC2/C	1813216	
Daymond, Martin Harris	AC2/C	3031846	
Dean, Theodore Edward B.	AC2/C	1850457	

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Dennis, John	AC2/C	1850284	Reassigned
Dew, Alan Walter	AC2/C	1814161	
Dibben, Graham Frederick C.	AC2/C	1813639	W/C, RAF retired
Dickinson, Edwin	AC2/C	2203056	
Elliot, Robert David	AC2/C	1821332	
Etheridge, Peter	AC2/C	1864407	
Evans, David Meiros	AC2/C	3025303	
Fairlie, James	AC2/C	1821427	
Farrell, William	AC2/C	1590656	
Foard, Denis John Stuart	AC2/C	3033129	S/L, RAF retired
Gale, Peter Francis	AC2/C	1810601	Reassigned
Gilbert, John Ronald Spencer	AC2/C	1862604	
Gilbert, Reginald Henry	AC2/C	1817155	
Godsell, Ronald Clifford Charles	AC2/C	1809638	
Harland, Hugh Richard Lionel	AC2/C	3032370	
Harris, Ronald	AC2/C	2214226	
Harrison, Dennis George	AC2/C	1850426	
Hartshorne, Jack Dennis	AC2/C	2213809	Reassigned
Henley, George Bruce	AC2/C	1812314	Reassigned
Hickey, Bernard Francis R.	AC2/C	1865216	Reassigned
Hone, Edward Richard	AC2/C	1863254	Reassigned
Horwood, Francis Osmund	AC2/C	1861147	Transferred to Rafdel 06 Jun 45
Howard, Robin Somerville	AC2/C	1894012	
Hurley, Samuel John	AC2/C	1811027	
Hutchinson, Reginald Frederick	AC2/C	1817658	
Jackson, Eric Ernest	AC2/C	1863960	
Jenkins, Brian Cecil	AC2/C	1811520	
Johnson, Sidney Lloyd	AC2/C	1866044	Reassigned
Judd, Leslie William	AC2/C	1809719	
Lancaster, Charles Edward	AC2/C	1860598	Reassigned
Leedham, Keith	AC2/C	3000142	
Long, Roland Kenneth	AC2/C	1850777	
Lowen, Donald Stuart	AC2/c	1864316	
MacRae, Iain	AC2/C	1825539	Reassigned
Massey, Edward	AC2/C	3010069	
Matthews, James Riley	AC2/C	1868127	Held over to Course 27
McFadyen, George	AC2/C	1821034	
Molyneux, John Bervard	AC2/C	1863165	
Nicholls, George Edward	AC2/C	1811502	Reassigned
Parry, Geoffrey Owen	AC2/C	1811358	Reassigned
Peat, Alan Laurence	AC2/C	1335267	Reassigned
Pollock, John David	AC2/C	1818516	
Relton, Patrick Kavanagh	AC2/C	1851371	
Renaut, Frank Edward	AC2/C	1813637	
Robbins, Leonard Charles	AC2/C	1862568	
Robinson, Harry David	AC2/C	3011888	
Rogers, Sydney Charles	LAC	1523330	Held over to Course 27
Russell, Cyril Arthur	AC2/C	1813423	
Scholes, Henry	AC2/C	1863332	
Shackle, William Edwin	AC2/C	1809888	
Sharpe, Cyril	AC2/C	1862722	
Smith, Charles Edward	AC2/C	1817567	

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Smith, Phillip Francis	AC2/C	1606580	
Sonley, Fred	AC2/C	1590594	
Stackard, Arthur John	AC2/C	1863240	
Stanton, Arthur John	AC2/C	1816792	Reassigned
Stevens, Phillip	AC2/C	1817695	
Tanner, Walter Jones	AC2/C	2202709	Reassigned
Thomas, Frank Esmor	AC2/C	1668267	Held over to Course 27
Towner, Stanley Edwin	AC2/C	1812470	
Turner, Derek Owen	AC2/C	1865145	
Walder, Raymond Ernest	AC2/C	1851338	Held over to Course 27
Walker, Dennis Marvyn	AC2/C	2216023	
Wall, Frederick Warner	AC2/C	1817299	
Webb, Henry Howard	AC2/C	1851262	
White, Maurice	AC2/C	1796153	
Williams, Frederick George	AC2/C	1606475	
Wills, Eric Frank James	AC2/C	1850832	
Woodhead, John MacDonald	AC2/C	1891578	
Hargrave			
York, Eric Lionel	AC2/C	1835904	

Course 26 Note: Orders dated 31 Aug 45 directed RAF staff and students assigned to Falcon to proceed to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY "on or about" 10 Sept 45 to await further transportation home.



Course 27

Beginning Date: June 26, 1945

Graduation Date: Did not graduate

Name	Rank	Service Number	Additional Information
Allnutt, Roy Gordon	AC2/C	1866045	
Annis, Roy Clement	AC2/C	3034065	Reassigned *
Arnold, Christopher Wilberforce	AC2/C	3011617	
Austen-Brown, John Frederick	AC2/C	3002471	
Austin, Michael John	AC2/C	1901888	
Baird, Thomas William David	AC2/C	1880750	
Ballard, Michael George	AC2/C	1604222	Reassigned*
Barton, Laurence	AC2/C	1819899	Reassigned
Blackmore, William John	AC2/C	2221451	
Boddington, William Dan	AC2/C	3005767	Reassigned
Boden, Henry William	AC2/C	3013105	
Boome, Stuart William	AC2/C	3000446	Reassigned
Bourne, James Hubert	AC2/C	3050373	

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Brakenridge, Henry Philip	AC2/C	3030858	Reassigned *
Brebner, Derek Francis James	AC2/C	1861608	MBE
Broadbank, Derick John	AC2/C	3035561	
Broadley, Roy	AC2/C	3050595	
Brown, Douglas George	AC2/C	1897799	
Burg, Frederick Arthur	AC2/C	1868129	
Byrne, John Stewart	AC2/C	1852621	
Challans, Robert Arthur	AC2/C	3050264	
Clayton, Alan Michael	AC2/C	1881936	
Colling, John Edward	AC2/C	1595036	
Cotton, Geoffrey Allan	AC2/C	1894960	
Cowley, Bernard	AC2/C	3010639	
Davies, Jeffrey William	AC2/C	1125410	
Dick, Charles Brian	AC2/C	1597146	Reassigned *
Digweed, Eric Alexander	AC2/C	2235594	
(name change to Digby)			
Dölby, Harold John	AC2/C	3033624	
Douche, John Roland	AC2/C	3031938	KIS 28 Jul 1954, S/L, DFC
Driscoll, Roland James	AC2/C	1814784	
Flatman, Keith	AC2/C	3035120	
Flinn, Ian	AC2/C	3035074	Reassigned *
Gibson, John Dormand	AC2/C	3051488	Reassigned, * AFC
Gillions, Ronald John James	AC2/C	3033590	Reassigned
Gittins, Roy	AC2/C	2211710	
Glass, William Ian	AC2/C	3022733	
Gough, Peter Geoffrey	AC2/C	1896461	
Grose, John Webster	AC2/C	3001053	
Guillermin, Yvon John	AC2/C	2235234	
Handfield-Jones, Stephen Jarvis	AC2/C	2235374	
Harford, Michael Rivers Dundas	AC2/C	3034467	
Harper, John Sydney	AC2/C	3033227	
Harrison, Hugh	AC2/C	3041680	AFC, G/C, RAF retired
Hartree, Donald	AC2/C	3033994	
Haslam, Kenneth Raymond	AC2/C	3011364	
Hay, Warren Alexander	AC2/C	3013214	Reassigned *
Haylock, William George	AC2/C	3000834	Reassigned
Horbury, John	AC2/C	1594923	
Howson, David Frank	AC2/C	3052577	
Isaac, Leonard Frank	AC2/C	3002586	
King, Terence Hedley	AC2/C	1896558	
Leah, Henry Duncan	AC2/C	3021209	
Leigh, John	AC2/C	1898024	
Levey, Ivan Edward	AC2/C	3002575	
Louch, Ean William Thomas	AC2/C	3035059	
Lowings, Peter Harold	AC2/C	1899130	
Maile, Leonard Hugh Johnson	AC2/C	3000445	
Malcolm, Alexander Marshall	AC2/C	1821819	
Dewar			
Mann, William Roger	AC2/C	3030845	
Matthews, James Riley	AC2/C	1868127	Reassigned
Mills, Bernard	AC2/C	2210789	
Moore, Ernest Alfred	AC2/C	1594976	

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Morrish, John Frederick Jeffrey	AC2/C	3032628	
Nugent, Terence Watts	AC2/C	3012450	Reassigned
Percival, Christopher Robin	AC2/C	3002538	KIS 11 Mar 49
Pope, Michael Hamilton	AC2/C	3032938	
Pottage, Nigel Anthony	AC2/C	3031928	
Raino, Norman Frederick	AC2/C	3030996	
(name change to Norman Melfred Rainier)			
Richards, Peter Holgate	AC2/C	3012925	
Rogers, Sydney Charles	AC2/C	1523330	Reassigned
Roy, John Alan	AC2/C	3000571	
Salter, John William	AC2/C	3035564	Reassigned *
Saunders, Cyril Alfred	AC2/C	1898577	
Scragg, Brian Michael	AC2/C	3032960	
Shaw, Hugh A. C.	AC2/C	3031185	
Shelley, John Gray	AC2/C	303190	
Shireby, Peter	AC2/C	1595994	
Shortman, John Keith	AC2/C	3026288	
Smith, Philip Frederick	AC2/C	3050771	
Smith, Walter Kenneth	AC2/C	1818036	Reassigned
Somper, Kenneth Lawrence	AC2/C	3035049	Reassigned
Stanway, Adrian Passmore	AC2/C	3031980	
Stapleton,, Robert Michael	AC2/C	3032231	
Vorley			
Starey, Richard Martin Helps	AC2/C	3035656	
Stevens, Peter Frank Edward	AC2/C	3031646	
Stonehouse, John Thomson	AC2/C	3031797	
Tandy, Edward William	AC2/C	3030825	
Terry, Ivor William Francis	AC2/C	3002574	
Thom, Andrew	AC2/C	3023624	
Thomas, Frank Esmor	AC2/C	1668267	Reassigned *
Tonge, Charles Victor	AC2/C	3013596	
Toothill, Kenneth Piercy	AC2/C	3012230	
Townsend, Colin Michael Victor	AC2/C	3032195	
Turner, Leslie Lancelot	AC2/C	3051493	
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Walder, Raymond Ernest	AC2/C	1851338	
Warner, Allan Boyd	AC2/C	3037162	
West, Anthony John	AC2/C	3002376	Reassigned
Wilkins, Howard Keith	AC2/C	3032177	
Williams, Derek Edgar	AC2/C	3010670	
Williams, John Courtenay	AC2/C	3033510	
Worsdell, Leonard James	AC2/C	3030103	
Wright, Ralph Henry	AC2/C	1893890	
Yates, Anthony Albert Graham	AC2/C	1895890	

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*These individuals were reassigned to 30 PTC, Camp Kilmer, but did not report. Because of the end of the war they returned with the other students in Courses 26 and 27.

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(See Appendix "A" for military rank abbreviations)

AAC: (see USAAC)

AAF: (see USAAF)

ABC Operation: Code named "Airborne Cigar," ABC operators were German speaking British radio operators on board British bombers who attempted to confuse Luftwaffe night fighters.

AE: Air Efficiency award (British)

AFC: Air Force Cross award (British)

AFM: Air Force Medal award (British)

AFU: Advanced Flying Training Unit (British)

AM: Air Medal award (USA)

ASW: Anti-Submarine Warfare

ATC: Air Training Command (British)

ATC: Air Transport Command (USA)

AUS: Army of the United States

AZ: State of Arizona, United States of America

BAR: The designation added to any British medal to indicate a second award of that medal

BEM: British Empire Medal award (British)

BFTS: British Flying Training School

CBE Commander of the British Empire award (an Order of the British Empire)

CBI: China-Burma-India Theater of Operations (USA)

CGM: Conspicuous Gallantry Medal award (British)

CPTP: Civil Pilot Training Program (USA)

CVO: Commanders Victorian Order award (a Royal Victorian Order)

DFC: Distinguished Flying Cross award (British)

DFC: Distinguished Flying Cross award (USA)

DFM: Distinguished Flying Medal award (British)

DSC: Distinguished Service Cross award (USA)

DSM: Distinguished Service Medal award (USA)

DSO: Distinguished Service Order award (British)

EFTS: Elementary Flying Training School (British)

FIS: Flying Instructors School (British)

FTC: Flying Training Command (British)

FU: Ferry Unit (British)

GC: George Cross award (British)

GCVO: Knights & Dames Grand Commanders (a Royal Victorian Order)

GD: General duties (British)

GM: George Medal award (British)

K(P): Presumed killed (no remains found)

KIA: Killed in action

KIS: Killed in service

KCVO: Knights & Dames Commanders Victorian Order (a Royal Victorian Order)

LNSF: Light Night Striking Force (British)

LOM: Legion of Merit award (USA)

MBE: Member of the British Empire award (an Order of the British Empire)

MOH: Medal of Honor award (USA)

MVO : Members Victorian Order award (a Royal Victorian Order)

OAFU: Observer Advanced Flying Unit

OBE: Officer of the British Empire award (an Order of the British Empire)
OTU: Operational Training Unit (British)
OTU: Operational Training Unit (USA)
(P)AFU: Pre-Advanced Flying Training Unit to acquaint pilots with European flying conditions
PFF: Pathfinder Force (British)
POW: Prisoner of War
PR: Photo reconnaissance
RAAF: Royal Australian Air Force
RAF: Royal Air Force
RAFTTB: Royal Air Forces Trades Test Board
RCAF: Royal Canadian Air Force
RFC: Royal Flying Corps, predecessor of the RAF
RIAF: Royal Indian Air force
RN: Royal Navy
RNFAA: Fleet Air Arm (British Royal Navy)
RNVR: Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve
RNZAF: Royal New Zealand Air Force
SOE: Special Operations Executive, clandestine operations (British and American)
SQDN: Squadron
TC: Transport Command (British)
TF: Tiger Force, British bomber command organization established to bomb Japan
USAAC: United States Army Air Corps, established 1926
USAAF: United States Army Air Forces, established 1941
USAF: United States Air Force, established 1947
USAFR: United States Air Force Reserves
USAFE: United States Air Force Europe
VC: Victoria Cross award (British)
WOP/AG: Wireless Operator Air Gunner (British)

INVENTORY OF RESEARCH ITEMS

(The notation, "in USAF collection, AFHRA" indicates that the item is from the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, USA.)

CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ORIGIN OF THE BRITISH FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF No. 4 BRITISH FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL. (An Annotated Listing)

March 29, 1941, document titled "Proposed Heads of Agreement in Regard to Schools for Primary and Basic Training in U.S." Concerns funding and funding sources.

March 31, 1941, letter from Air Commodore G. C. Pirie, Air Attache, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.; to U.S. Major E. H. Alexander, Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, War Department, Washington, D.C. Gives the Americans an unofficial "go ahead" to set up the BFTS program.

April 5, 1941, letter from Air Commodore G. C. Pirie, Air Attache, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.; to Major Lawrence Higgins, Chief Foreign Liaison Branch, General Staff, War Department, Washington, D.C. Details the history of negotiations on the establishment of British flying training schools in the United States. (USAF collection, AFHRA, 220.7271-4)

April 26, 1941, memorandum from Major Frank W. Bullock, Assistant to the Director of Purchases and Contracts, Office of the Under Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.; to The Chief of the Air Corps. Lists relevant dates in the approval process and stating that it is the "express desire of the Under Secretary of War that preparations for the training involved not be delayed pending receipt of [Judge Advocate General] legal clearances."

April 28, 1941, memorandum from Major Frank W. Bullock, Assistant to the Director of Purchases and Contracts, Office of the Under Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.; to The Chief of the Air Corps. States that Judge Advocate General approval is not necessary, and that "immediate steps will be taken to carry out the detailed procedure agreed upon this date."

May 15, 1941, memorandums to U.S. Buildings and Grounds Division and to U.S. Quartermaster General concerning acquisition of land and construction of facilities for six British flying schools. Outlines responsibilities for U.S. and British under Lend-Lease. (USAF collection, AFHRA, 220.934-1, V.1, 1941)

June 10, 1941, letter from Group Captain D. V. Carnegie, Director of U.K. Training, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.; to Captain James Price, Training and Operations Division, U.S. Army Air Corps, War Department, Washington, D.C. Concerns the selection of a Mesa site.

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October 8, 1942, document titled "Report on Eighth (September/42) Output from British Flying Training Schools in the USA." Reports the number of cadets who began training with this course, the number who graduated, and other pertinent information. Rafdel file number A.21, 458/41. (USAF collection, AFHRA, 220.7271-6 1942-44)

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