

I started training at No. 6 BFTS, Ponca City, Oklahoma. This school closed down in early April, and we were split up and finished our training at the five remaining British flying training schools in the USA.”¹¹

An investigation into the accident was conducted by Flight Lieutenant Hector White, acting chief flying supervisor. Flight Instructor Thiele was told that the other aircraft had hit the front part of his aircraft from above and on the right side. He was also told that his student cadet in the front cockpit was probably killed in the collision. “I was glad that I called to him to bail out,” said Thiele, “but he probably never heard what I had said.” Cadet Morris, twenty-one, was the son of Harold and Mrs. E. A. Morris of Elton, Bury, Lancashire, England.

Another Course 19 accident involved two advanced trainers landing at Falcon’s auxiliary field. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries. The date was April 10, 1944. The first aircraft was being flown by AC2/C Leslie Frederick Faulkner and Flight Instructor Burl Chapman. George Hulme tells the story:

“I remember the incident although I did not witness it myself. But I did have early accounts from both Les Faulkner and the duty cadet of that day. You will recall that the duty cadet was a pupil pilot who was dropped early in the session along with an Aldis Lamp with which to warn flyers of manoeuvres likely to prove suicidal.

“This chap. . .told of his horror on seeing two AT-6s approaching to land on exactly the same flight path with the second one only slightly above and slightly behind the first one. He knew that a ‘RED’ to the higher aircraft would be fine except that the other pilot would see it and would probably pull up to overshoot, causing a midair collision and definite fatalities.

“In the end he did nothing but stand transfixed as the planes landed with a crunch. The propeller of the higher aircraft chewed into the fuselage of the lower one only just to the rear of the cockpit canopy and severed the tail completely. The forward section rolled on, maintaining its fore and aft stability, but veered sharply to port in a sweeping curve before losing momentum and toppling over.

“[Flight Instructor Burl] Chapman vigorously applied rudder to keep the ship straight, apparently unaware that the rudder was a long way behind. Les did not seem to be too worried that his head had been so near to the mincer, but, of course, that was a couple of hours after the crash.”¹²

The second aircraft was being flown by a Course 19 classmate AC2/C Jack Finch and Flight Instructor Earl Gertje. They had been flying on instruments with Jack “under the hood.” Jack Finch picks up the story:

“After chopping off Les’ fuselage two feet behind his cockpit, Earl and I went into a number of uncontrolled, never-before performed, extremely low level aerobatics — finally ploughing into the ground upside-down unable to get out and just hanging upside down by our lap belts.

“Who got us out and just how and when I am not at all sure, but although badly shaken we were unharmed.”¹³

¹¹ Donald Parnell, Fax to the author on April, 21, 2001.

¹² “Collision at the Auxiliary Field,” *Falcon Field Association of Great Britain Newsletter*, ed. W. McCash AFM, 1999 No. 3, p. 6.

¹³ *Ibid.*

The last fatal accident at Falcon took two lives. Advanced phase Flight Instructor Donald Walker, age twenty-nine, and British cadet AC2/C Peter Frederick Mitson of Course 23, age twenty, died at 0915 hours on November 27, 1944, when their aircraft crashed six and one half miles north-east of Falcon Field. With the other twenty-two British cadets killed at Falcon, Peter Mitson is buried in the British plot at Mesa Cemetery. He was the son of Frederick J. and Irene S. Mitson of Halstead, Essex, England.¹⁴

1945

The ORB reports that on February 21, 1945, AC2/C Hugh Bandy of Course 25 was seriously injured in a crash that destroyed his PT-17 aircraft. There were no fatal accidents in 1945.



An unseen Stearman provides the "wind" as parachute rigger Marty Birdman demonstrates the proper way to collapse a chute. Among the many who owe their lives to Marty Birdman is advanced phase Flight Instructor David Thiele who took this picture.

Photograph courtesy of Flight Dispatcher Keith Hansen

¹⁴ Information on the fatalities at Falcon came from numerous sources which include newspaper clippings, the Falcon Field Association of Great Britain, the internet website of The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org), and for the years 1943-1945, the Operations Record Book (ORB) RAF Form 540 for No. 4 British Flying Training School. Additional information came from personal accounts as noted in the text.



A funnel cloud approaches Falcon Field from the direction of Red Mountain.

This 1943 twister missed the field by four miles, but Falcon would not be as lucky on August 1, 1945.

Photograph by Leading Aircraftman R. Roberts (Course 12), courtesy of Betty (Storrs) Downing

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE STORM

Sudden windstorms were not uncommon and usually did no more damage than to deposit a layer of silt over everything, inside and out. But this storm was different. It was a super storm.

Flight Lieutenant Ted Irwin, Royal Canadian Air Force,
No. 4 BFTS staff, June 8, 1944 to September 11, 1945.

When Victory in Europe (VE) Day came, Roy Broadley and the other future cadets of Falcon's Course 27 were still in England, and their hopes of ever flying were "rock bottom." Germany had surrendered. Could Japan be far behind? And there were hundreds of newly trained RAF pilots waiting for squadron assignments. Still, to Roy's amazement, he and his comrades were herded aboard the *Aquitania* bound for New York. They arrived at the Mesa train station on June 21, 1945, and began training the next day. They could not believe their good fortune. They were doing what they had dreamed of doing: they were flying airplanes.¹

The Warning

The July 30, 1945, entry in Falcon's Operations Record Book (ORB), the base log book, states simply, "Routine working day."² Roy Broadley and his Course 27 classmates were past the half-way point in their primary training with the PT-17 aircraft; their predecessors in Course 26 were beginning their training with the AT-6 aircraft; and the cadets of Course 25 were rapidly approaching their Wings Ceremony. Things were going smoothly at Falcon. But changes were coming — and soon.

On July 31, Flight Lieutenant Harry Carter, the RAF administrative officer, made the following observations in the ORB:

"Routine working day interrupted about 1300 hours by an exceptionally violent thunderstorm which hit the field with very little warning. Wind gusts in excess of 60 mph were recorded and rain flooded a large part of the field to a depth of 9 inches. A little damage was done to buildings and to a/c on the ground. A number of a/c both primary and advanced were in the air at the time of the storm and had to make emergency landings at other fields. No damage was caused and all a/c were able to return to this unit late in the afternoon."³

¹ Roy Broadley, "The Luck of Course 27," *Newsletter of the Falcon Field Association*, ed. Bill McCash AFM, 1996 No. 1, p.13.

² Operations Record Book (ORB), RAF Form 540, for No. 4 British Flying Training School, July 30, 1945, compiled by F/L H. D. Carter, Administrative Officer, and signed by W/C A.V. Rogers, Commanding Officer.

³ Operations Record Book (ORB), RAF Form 540, for No. 4 British Flying Training School, July 31, 1945, compiled by F/L H. D. Carter, Administrative Officer, and signed by W/C A.V. Rogers, Commanding Officer.

The Main Event

The ORB entry for August 1, 1945, began with, "Routine working day." Then Flight Lieutenant Carter added, "About 1800 hours a very severe wind storm followed by a dust storm and rain storm occurred, resulting in heavy damage to aircraft."⁴ According to Captain Marvin Grant, "Falcon Field became a disaster area."

"The AT-6 airplanes were parked on the mat with their tails to the east. Tail down, the wind passed over them with not a great deal of damage. The PT-17s, however, were headed into the wind. As best I remember, the aircraft became airborne at about 60 mph. [With winds in excess of 60 mph] these planes tried to fly. Every man on the base was out on the flight line, trying to hold the planes down. Many of those tied down were actually flying — in tethered flight. But one after another peeled up and over. They were stacked like Jack Straws across the field and into the citrus grove bordering the west fence line."⁵



In a letter to the author, former RAF cadet Kenneth Pullan of Course 25 said he was "amongst those cadets who valiantly tried to secure the aircraft until it became too dangerous. The Stearman were cartwheeling some hundreds of yards until stopped by the orange groves."

Photograph by Flight Instructor David Thiele, courtesy of Flight Dispatcher Keith Hansen

⁴ Operations Record Book (ORB), RAF Form 540, for No. 4 British Flying Training School, August 1, 1945, compiled by F/L H. D. Carter, Administrative Officer, and signed by W/C A. V. Rogers, Commanding Officer.

⁵ Marvin R. A. Grant, letter to the author dated February 10, 1999.



Photograph by Flight Instructor David Thiele, courtesy of Flight Dispatcher Keith Hansen

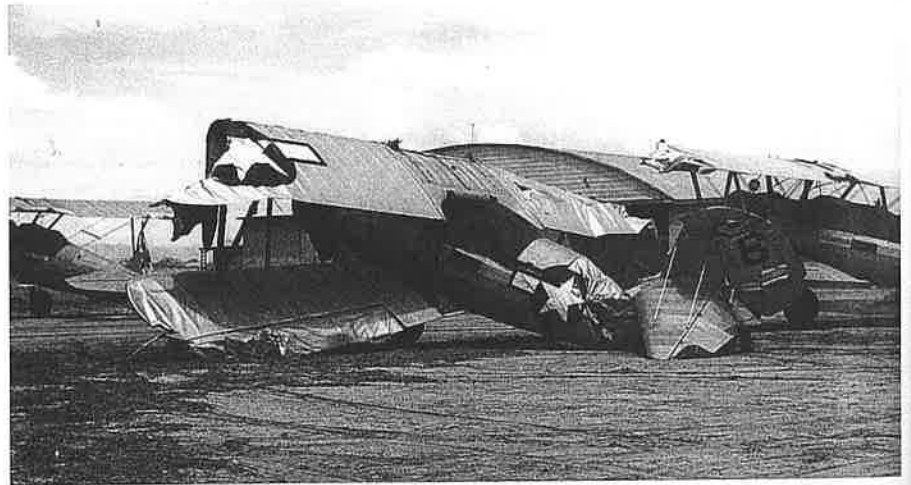
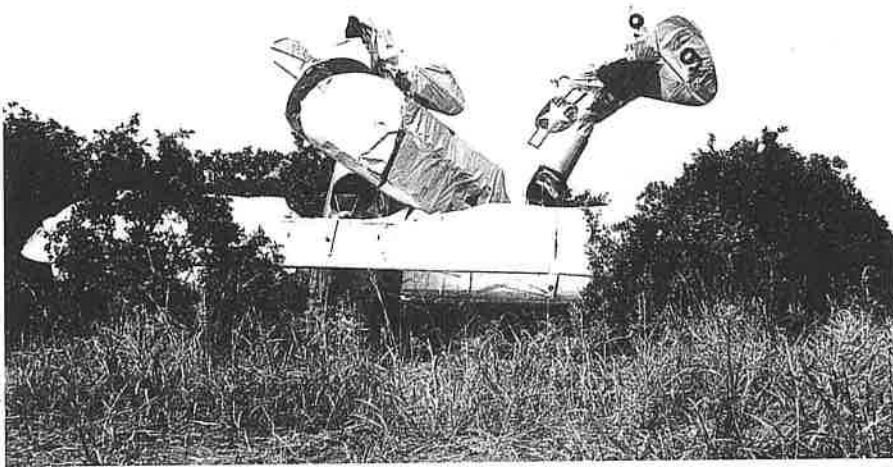
The next day's ORB entry: "No primary flying as all aircraft were damaged. . . ."⁶ On August 3, Wing Commander Rogers dictated a letter addressed to "Director of Training, RAF Delegation, Washington, D.C." He explained that on August 1, flying stopped at 1515 hours and that all aircraft were "picketed down." The Stearman PT-17 aircraft were facing east; the North American AT-6 aircraft were facing west. Rogers went into some detail to describe the situation faced by Falcon personnel. He noted that at "approximately 1825 hours, a severe dust storm covered the aerodrome with winds reaching 40 to 45 miles per hour. . . . Within about ten minutes this dust storm developed into a very severe thunderstorm with torrential rain and high winds from the east. At times, gusts were up to 78 miles per hour. . . all available personnel were turned out to attempt to hold the aircraft in position, but after a short time, P.T. aircraft and one AT-6 aircraft broke loose and were blown to the boundary of the west side of the aerodrome with four P.T.'s finishing in an orange grove. All the other AT-6 aircraft remained in their positions, but major and minor damage was done to 22 aircraft. Thirty-seven P.T. aircraft were complete write-offs."

Roy Broadley thought his flying days were over, but again, as when they were approved for pilot training in the U.S., Roy and the other cadets of Course 27 would have reason to consider themselves lucky. The ORB entry of August 4 reports that forty PT-13 aircraft were flown in from Minter Field, Bakersfield, California, to replace the PT-17s lost in the storm.⁷ In his letter of August 3, Wing Commander Rogers asked for permission to modify the syllabus for Course 27 because PT-13s were not equipped for night flying or instrument flying. Those shortcomings mattered not to Roy Broadley. He called the new aircraft a "motley collection of gaudily painted PT-13s," but continued, "who cared? We were back flying." Lucky 27.⁸

⁶ Operations Record Book (ORB), RAF Form 540, for No. 4 British Flying Training School, August 2, 1945, compiled by F/L H. D. Carter, Administrative Officer, and signed by W/C A.V. Rogers, Commanding Officer.

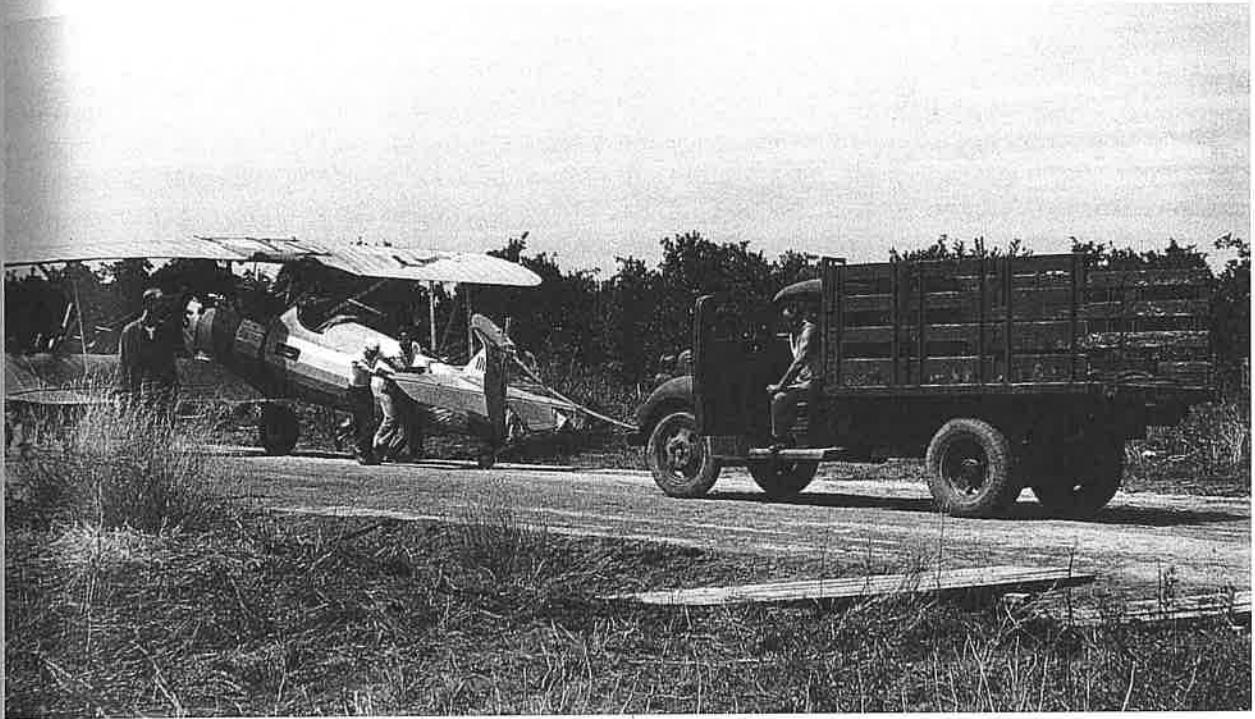
⁷ Operations Record Book (ORB), RAF Form 540, for No. 4 British Flying Training School, August 4, 1945, compiled by F/L H. D. Carter, Administrative Officer, and signed by W/C A.V. Rogers, Commanding Officer. Captain Marvin R. A. Grant, Commanding Officer of Falcon's 3044th Army Air Forces Base Unit, reported in the Unit History for July to September 1945 that the replacement aircraft were PT-13Ds.

⁸ Broadley. The luck of Course 27 did not continue. With VJ-day came rapid demobilization, and Courses 26 and 27 returned to Great Britain having completed the primary phase of training only. The cadets of Course 25 fared better: they graduated on August 25, 1945.



Number 6 was one of the thirty-seven Stearman considered to be a “complete write-off” by Wing Commander Rogers. In this series of photographs, David Thiele shows Number 6 as it came to rest atop another Stearman in the orange grove, and the port and starboard view once the aircraft had been towed back to the flight line and “picketed down” — again.

Photographs by Flight Instructor David Thiele, courtesy of Jim Driscoll (27) and Falcon Mechanic L. P. Overstreet



Chief of Maintenance Joe Wischler gingerly tows Number 5 back to the flight line. His assistant Les Ward provides guidance as mechanics, fuel handlers, and other able bodied men push and guide the Stearman.

Photograph by Flight Instructor David Thiele, courtesy of David Thiele



Number 2 back on the flight line and tied down. Flight Lieutenant Carter's ORB entry for August 4, 1945, reads, "Forty PT-13 a/c flown in from Minter Field, Bakersfield, California, to replace the PT-17 a/c lost in the storm of August 1."

Photograph by Flight Instructor David Thiele, courtesy of Flight Dispatcher Keith Hansen



Janitor Dee Kelly sweeps out the hanger.

Photograph from *The Thunderbird*, Vol. 1 No.11, p. 10

POSTSCRIPT

On August 25, 1945, Rafdel's Air Marshal Douglas Colyer CB, DFC, addressed the cadets of Falcon Field on the occasion of Course 25's graduation. Air Marshal Colyer cautioned those in Courses 26 and 27 to be "very careful" during the remainder of their flight training. Japan had surrendered eleven days earlier on August 14, 1945. The war was over!

On the afternoon of September 7, 1945, the last training flight touched down at No. 4 British Flying Training School. Night flying was cancelled. The cadets of Courses 26 and 27 would return to England without their wings. Those cadets and most of the RAF staff boarded the train for New York on September 10, 1945. The only RAF personnel remaining were the rear party consisting of Flight Lieutenant Harry Carter, the administrative officer, and Corporal R. Buckley, the accounts clerk. No. 4 British Flying Training School officially closed on September 11, 1945.

"With unbelievable swiftness the British departed. One Friday the cadets and officers were there; the following Monday, gone. And as we walked past empty barracks, we could hear the echo of [their song]."

"For we're saying good-bye to them all,
The long and the short and the tall.
You'll get no promotion this side of the ocean,
So cheer up my lads, bless us all."

Mary Lou Turner

Wing Commander John Fergus McKenna AFC, a native of Scotland, earned his wings in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and was seconded to the RAF prior to going on reserve status and attending medical school in Scotland. Recalled in 1939, he fought in the Battle of Britain and was decorated with the Air Force Cross (AFC) at Buckingham Palace by King George VI in May 1941. Immediately after the war, he returned to Phoenix and set up a medical practice. He died following an accident in 1970. From the air, his ashes were sprinkled over Falcon Field.

Captain Marvin R. A. Grant separated from the United States Army Air Forces in 1945. He retired from General Dynamics in 1984 but continued working as a consultant for military aircraft manufacturers for several more years. Marvin Grant died in 2002.

Al Storrs continued with Southwest Airways for several years as an instructor and a charter pilot. In 1947 he received the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom from the King of England. In 1971, he retired from Marsh Aviation. Most of his fifty-seven year career was spent in open cockpit aircraft. Al Storrs died in 1995.

Joe Wischler started Petella-Wischler Flying Service, a crop dusting service, with a partner in 1949. He later spent twelve years with Mercury Aviation at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and then fifteen years with Garrett AiResearch. Joe Wischler died in 1987.

Don Prosser says that he learned more from his students than they learned from him, but cadets apparently did learn from Don, too. A former cadet said that the RAF seldom conducted check rides with Don's students because "if Don Prosser said you could fly, no one on that base was going to question him." Don Prosser resides in California.

Mary Louise Turner worked as a reservation agent for American Airlines from 1945 to 1953. In 1951 she married Jim Bustrin, a former Navy F4U Corsair pilot. (The best man at the Bustrins' wedding had a Falcon connection. Captain Bill Reid, Jim's best friend since boyhood, had delivered replacement aircraft after the storm of August 1, 1945.) The Bustrins raised two children, and then Mary Lou worked as a volunteer for eighteen years teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) to Hispanic adults. The Bustrins live in Arizona.

Philip Gray flew as pilot of a Lancaster bomber during the war. In 1995, he published a book titled *Ghosts of Targets Past, The Lives and Losses of a Lancaster Crew in 1944-45*. Philip Gray is a journalist residing in Canada.

Bill Bishop graduated from No. 4 British Flying Training School on August 10, 1943, and soon found himself in Moncton, Canada, awaiting transportation back to England. "I was looking in a shop window which displayed an RAF officer's uniform. I would have given almost anything to have bought it, complete with Wings, but alas I did not have that sort of money. A New Zealand sergeant pilot was also looking in the same window and said to me 'are you hoping to buy that uniform?' I must have been absolutely transparent. I said, 'Yes, but I don't have that kind of money.' He said, 'I will loan it to you.' Flabbergasted, I pointed out to him that he did not even know me, but he said that he was quite happy for me to let him have it back when we were back in England. Well, I accepted the money and bought the uniform in the window, which fitted me perfectly. Can you believe a stranger would do a thing like that?" Bill, flew a Dakota on D-Day and ended the war in India and Burma. He married Baroness Detta O'Cathain OBE, a member of the House of Lords. He died in 2001 after several years in an extended care facility. He was not able to understand the role his diaries played in this book, but his wife told him anyway. She told the man she calls "the most decent man I ever met."

Falcon Field is now one of the top five airports in the United States in terms of based aircraft. More than 900 aircraft, 30 aviation businesses, and 50 commercial enterprises call Falcon home. Falcon Field's administration is actively involved in the preservation of Falcon's WWII heritage.



Climbing away with a view of Falcon over the tail of the aircraft

Photograph courtesy of Falcon Field Association of Great Britain, Terry Josling (Course 13) collection

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They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

Isaiah XL: 31

Three hundred twenty-six Falcon cadets are known to have died while in military service.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

HIERARCHY OF WORLD WAR II USAAF AND BRITISH RAF RANKS

USAAF Ranks¹



General of the Army
(Gen) General
(Lt. Gen) Lieutenant General
(Maj. Gen) Major General
(Brig. Gen) Brigadier General

(Col.) Colonel
(Lt. Col.) Lieutenant Colonel
(Maj.) Major
(Capt.) Captain
(1st Lt.) First Lieutenant
(2nd Lt.) Second Lieutenant

(CWO) Warrant Officer (chief)
(WO) Warrant Officer (junior grade)
(FO) Flight Officer²

(MSgt) Master Sergeant, (FSgt) First Sergeant
(TSgt) Technical Sergeant
(SSgt) Staff Sergeant
(Sgt) Sergeant
(Cpl) Corporal
(PFC) Private First Class
(Pvt) Private, (A/C) Aviation Cadet³

RAF Ranks⁴



(MRAF) Marshal of the Royal Air Force
(ACM) Air Chief Marshal
(AM) Air Marshal
(AVM) Air Vice Marshal
(A/C) Air Commodore

(G/C) Group Captain
(W/C) Wing Commander
(S/L) Squadron Leader
(F/L) Flight Lieutenant
(F/O) Flying Officer
(P/O) Pilot Officer

(W/O) Warrant Officer
(F/SGT) Flight Sergeant

(SGT) Sergeant
(CPL) Corporal
(LAC) Leading Aircraftman
(AC2/C) Aircraftman 2nd Class (Cadet)
(AC1) Aircraftman 1st Class
(AC2) Aircraftman 2nd Class

¹ United States Army Air Forces ranks are from *The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces*, (New York: Pocket Books, Inc., 1944), pp. 54 & 55. The rank of General of the Army has been granted to only five individuals. They are George C. Marshall, December 6, 1944; Douglas MacArthur, December 18, 1944; Dwight D. Eisenhower, December 20, 1944; Henry H. Arnold, December 21, 1944; Omar N. Bradley, September 20, 1950. Present day rank structure for warrant officers and enlisted personnel differs significantly from this WWII listing.

² The grade of Flight Officer was established on July 8, 1942. Aviation cadets who had completed flight training but who did not qualify for commissions as Second Lieutenants could be appointed Flight Officers with a status equivalent to that of Warrant Officer, junior grade. Promotion from Flight Officer to Second Lieutenant was permitted. The rank of Flight Officer has not been used since WWII. (*The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces*, p 52.)

³ The AAF's principal source of flying officers and ground officer specialists was the aviation cadet recruiting program. This activity, suspended in March 1944, was open to civilians and enlisted men able to satisfy certain entrance requirements. Successful completion of Aviation Cadet Training qualified men to be commissioned Second Lieutenants or appointed Flight Officers. (*The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces*, pp. 40 & 41.) Concerning pay grade and status in the military, Aviation Cadets were equivalent to Privates. (January 5, 1999, telephone conversation with Marvin R. A. Grant, former Commanding Officer of the 3044th AAF Base Unit, Falcon Field.)

⁴ Letters to the author from Robert H. Brown, Registrar, Falcon Field Association of Great Britain dated March 1, 1997 and January 13, 1999.

APPENDIX B

HIERARCHIAL LISTING OF WWII AWARDS*



Victoria Cross (VC): Medal instituted in 1856 for acts of signal valour for all ranks of the armed forces.

George Cross (GC): Medal instituted in 1940 for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger. Awarded to all ranks of the armed forces and civilians.

George Medal (GM): Medal for acts of slightly less bravery than for the George Cross. More likely to be awarded to enlisted ranks.

Distinguished Service Order (DSO): Order founded in 1886 to recognize the special services given by officers. Primarily awarded to senior officers.

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC): Medal for bravery awarded to officers.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM): Medal for extreme valor awarded to enlisted ranks.

Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM): Medal for bravery awarded to enlisted ranks.

Air Force Cross (AFC): Medal for notable service awarded to officers.

Air Force Medal (AFM): Medal for notable service awarded to enlisted ranks.

Orders of the British Empire: Instituted in 1917 to reward both civilian and military service.

**Commander of the British Empire (CBE)
Officer of the British Empire (OBE)
Member of the British Empire (MBE)**

British Empire Medal (BEM): Rewards lesser civilian or military service.

Royal Victorian Orders: Instituted in 1896 by Queen Victoria for personal services rendered to the Sovereign.

**Knights & Dames Grand Commanders (GCVO)
Knights & Dames Commanders (KCVO)
Commanders (CVO)
Members (MVO)**

Air Efficiency (AE): Medal awarded for good service and achievement in the RAF.

1939-1945 Stars: For aircrew service in the various theaters of WWII.

Defense Medal & War Medal: For service periods of various lengths during WWII.



Medal of Honor (MOH): Established in 1862, it is awarded in the name of Congress to an officer or enlisted man who, in actual conflict with the enemy, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Distinguished Service Cross (DSC): Awarded for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy.

Distinguished Service Medal (DSM): Awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility.

Silver Star: Awarded for gallantry in action which does not warrant the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Legion of Merit (LOM): Awarded to officers and enlisted men of the armed forces for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC): Awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievement during aerial flight while serving with the AAF.

Soldier's Medal (SM): Awarded for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy.

Bronze Star: Awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement not involving participation in aerial combat (but not warranting the Silver Star or the Legion of Merit), and must have been achieved in direct combat or in support of combat on the ground.

Purple Heart: Established in 1782 as the Badge for Military Merit. Now awarded for a wound which necessitates treatment by a medical officer and which is received in action with an enemy of the U.S.

Air Medal (AM): Awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, not warranting the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

American Defense Medal: Twelve months or longer service from Sept. 8, 1939 to Dec. 7, 1941.

Good Conduct Medal: Authorized for U.S. Army enlisted men who, on or after December 7, 1942, honorably completed one year of active military service and who are recommended by their commanding officer for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

Theater Campaign Medals: For service in the various theaters of WWII.

* Information from R. H. Brown, Registrar of the Falcon Field Association of Great Britain and *The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces* (New York: Pocket Books, Inc., 1944), pp. 230-231.

APPENDIX C

FALCON STAFF

Royal Air Force*

Commanding Officers	Arrival	Departure
Holloway, W. T., S/L	June 1941	April 1942
McKenna, John Fergus, AFC, W/C	April 42	22 Jul 44
Rogers, A. V., AFC, W/C	22 Jul 44	10 Sep 45

Officers

Anderson, Eric, F/L	Navigation Supervisor	10 Aug 45	10 Sep 45
Carter, Harry D., F/L	Administrative Officer	06 Mar 44	10 Sep 45 **
Cartwright, A. S., P/O	WOP/AG Instructor	About Jan 43	10 Sep 45
Coleshill, G. R., P/O	Gunnery Officer	07 Sept 43	12 Apr 44
Dibble, Norman C. K., F/L	Administrative Officer	About Jan 43	05 Apr 44
Edwards, R., S/L	Ground Training Supervisor	About Jan 43	15 Dec 43
Faulkner, J. Geoffrey, F/L ***	Navigation Supervisor	14 Jun 43	25 Jun 44
Finlayson, Ronald C., F/L (RCAF)	Navigation Supervisor	07 Mar 44	10 Aug 45
Funston, Neil J., F/O (RAAF)	Gunnery Officer	22 Sept 44	10 Sep 45
Irwin, Ted, F/L (RCAF)	Navigation Supervisor	03 Jun 44	10 Aug 45
Johnson, Alan, S., S/L	Chief Ground Supervisor	23 Feb 44	10 Sep 45
Kerpen, C. V., F/L	Administrative Officer		
McClelland, W. Russell, F/L	Flying Supervisor	01 Feb 43	02 June 44
Metcalf, E. C., F/L	Administrative Officer	18 Jun 41	About Jan 43
Miller, J. C., F/O	Navigation Supervisor	10 Aug 45	10 Sep 45
Owen, John Lloyd, F/L	Flying Supervisor		10 Sep 45
Parker, Phil, F/O****	Assistant Flying Supervisor	18 Apr 44	10 Sep 45
Paton, R. R. A., F/L	Navigation Supervisor	About Jan 43	1944
Pitchford, Walter D., F/O	Gunnery Officer	25 Feb 43	07 Sept 43
Turner, Charles Laurence, F/L	Navigation Supervisor	11 Jan 43	07 Mar 44
White, Hector, F/L	Gunnery Officer	12 Apr 44	10 Sep 45

Enlisted

Buckley, R., CPL	Accounts		10 Sep 45 **
Crowther, J.C., F/SGT	Armament Instructor	15 Apr 43	15 Feb 44
Davis, Tom I., CPL	Accounts	About Jan 43	
Fenwick, W. F., SGT	Drill & Recreation Specialist	11 Mar 44	10 Sep 45
Hall, Anthony V., SGT	Armament Instructor	About Jan 43	
Harper, T., SGT	Physical Training Instructor	About Jan 43	
Holmes, Gordon, SGT (C.G???)	Armament Instructor		11 Aug 45
Lynn, Ralph, SGT	Armament Instructor	10 Aug 45	10 Sep 45
Mant, T. B. S., SGT	Armament Instructor	17 Apr 44	10 Sep 45
McCowan, James G., SGT	Armament Instructor	18 Jun 41	Early 1943
Treen, J. V., F/SGT	Armament Instructor	21 Feb 44	17 Apr 44

*—Ranks listed are the highest held by the individual while he was assigned to No. 4 BFTS.

** Flight-Lieutenant Carter and Corporal Buckley stayed on after Sep. 10, 1945, to close the RAF offices.

*** Flight Lieutenant Faulkner was killed in action on December 23, 1944.

**** Flying Officer Parker was a Course 2 graduate of No. 4 BFTS.

U.S. Army

Commanding Officers	Attival	Departure
Holmes, Lawrence E., Capt.	16 Nov 42	Jan 43
Swan, Glen G., Capt.	Jan 43	Feb 43
Eliker, Hadley B., Capt.	23 Mar 43	15 Sep 43
Grant, Marvin R. A., 1st Lt.	15 Sep 43	30 Jun 44
Oster, Cletus J., Capt.	30 Jun 44	31 Jul 44
Grant, Marvin R. A., Capt.	31 Jul 44	11 Sep 45

Officers	Position	Arrival	Departure
Barlow, John D., Capt. (MD) *	Surgeon	21 Aug 44	11 Sep 45
Brown, David V., Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	26 Oct 43	08 Nov 43
Cherry, Horace H., Lieutenant	Engineering Officer	July 1943	
Church, Frederick S., 1st Lt.	Adjutant	17 May 45	05 Sep 45
Cleveland, Eldon L., 1st Lt. *	Supply Officer	04 Jan 43	11 Sep 45
Curtis, Emerson C. Capt., (MD)	Surgeon	30 Jul 45	06 Sep 45
DeLong, Everett, W., Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	12 Oct 44	03 Aug 45
Edelson Samuel, Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	16 Feb 43	05 Nov 43
Grimm, Robert L., 1st Lt.	Assistant Supply Officer	27 Jun 45	08 Sep 45
Heineman, Richard W., 1st Lt. (MD)	Surgeon	03 Jun 44	
Levin, Herman G., Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	23 Jan 43	12 Apr 43
Morelan, James H., 1st Lt.*	Air Inspector	22 Mar 45	11 Sep 45
Movios, Lt. MD	Surgeon	20 Aug 43	10 Nov 43
Neff, Bayard L., Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	10 Sep 42	
Parberry, Lieutenant		Possibly assigned in 1941	
Smart, Archie M. , 2nd Lt.	Air Inspector	28 Dec 44	06 May 45
Thrift, Ebbie M., Capt.	Technical Inspector	13 Oct. 43	27 Dec 43
Wick, Raymond M., Lt.	Signal Corps	11 Jun 43	
Williamson, Robert G., 1st Lt. (MD)	Surgeon		04 Mar 44
Yevitz, William J., Capt. (MD)	Surgeon	22 Jun 45	01 Aug 45

Enlisted **

Asher, D. E., Sgt.		James, William T., Cpl.	Medic
Brooks, Serrill H., SSgt.	Technical Inspector	Keller, Wendell M., Cpl.	Medic
Braasch, R. J., Sgt.		Kopecky, Edward E., Sgt. *	Technical Inspector
Brusenhan, W. A., Sgt.		Miller, Gilbert D., Cpl.	Supply Techician
Cartwright, Conrad Y., Sgt.	Photographic Section	Miller, Richard K., Sgt.*	Technical Inspector
Cavanaugh, Don, Sgt.		Morgan, Joseph R., TSgt. *	Administration
Cerasaro, Michael, MSgt.	Technical Inspector	Obsharsky, P., Pfc.	
Cox, Jackie J., TSgt.		O'Neill, Leslie M., MSgt. *	Technical Inspector
Dare, Norval S., Pfc.	Medic	Putnam, Garnet F., Pfc.	Medic
Ellis, Earvel H., Cpl.	Medic	Rayborn, Claude H., Sgt.	
Farris, Joseph R., Pfc.	Medic	Rhines, Robert L., Cpl.	Medic
Harris, Charles H., Pfc.	Medic	Szymoniak, J. L., Pvt.	
Hennessey, Earl D., Sgt.	Technical Inspector	Taylor, Earl, Sgt.	Medic
Hietter, Thomas F., Cpl.	Medic	Taft, James J., Cpl.	Meat & Dairy Insp.
Hieser, Ivan W., SSgt. *		Valoff, Mike J., Pfc.	Medic

* Remained temporary duty (TD) after September 11, 1945, the official closing date for Falcon, to assist with the discontinuance of the 3044th Army Air Forces Base Unit, Falcon Field, Mesa, Arizona.

** Very few arrival and departure dates are known for U.S. Army enlisted men. Three medics were the first U.S. Army enlisted personnel known to have been assigned to Falcon. The arrived in late 1942.

Southwest Airways Flight Instructors

	Most Senior Position Held	Call Sign & Notes
Storrs, A. L.	Chief Pilot, later Director of Training	Eagle 16
Coulter, J. G. "Red"	Assistant Chief Pilot in 1941	Joined USAAF in 1942
Mitchell, Ted	Assistant Chief Pilot in 1942	To head SWA Cargo Division
Hanna, Theodore T.	Assistant Director of Training	Eagle 19
Foydl, Mike	Chief Flying Instructor (Advanced)	Eagle 18
Killgore, Neil A.	Chief Flying Instructor (Primary)	Eagle 25
Morris, Neal V.	Chief Flying Instructor (Primary)	Eagle 24
Bacon, Jerry M.	Primary Squadron Commander	Eagle 26
Booth, Gordon	Flight Commander (Advanced)	
Campbell, Newt	Flight Commander (Primary)	
Chadwick, Clarence C.	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 33
Clark, Milton A., Jr.	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 22
Forster, John "Lee"	Flight Commander (Primary)	
Hathaway, Steve H.	Flight Commander (Primary)	Eagle 23
James, Robert E. "Bobby"	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 35
Klatka, Edward A. "Eddie"	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 32
McFadden, Grayson Mitchell	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 34
Miller, Ward T.	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 20
Perkins, Elmer L. "Cy"	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 31
Prosser, Donald N. "Don"	Flight Commander (Advanced)	Eagle 21
Scott, Ben	Flight Commander (Advanced)	
Walker, W. G. "Bill"	Flight Commander	To SWA Cargo Division
Abbott, Edward A. "Red"	Eagle 82	Coe, Jimmy Eagle 41
Aherin Daniel A. "Danny"	Eagle 62	Corn, Ray H. Eagle 55
Algee, Alvin C.		Couk, R. C "Rudy"
Anderson, Hart M.	Eagle 47	Cox, J. Stan Eagle 88
Anderson, Larry H.		Cox, Stanley W. Broken back July 44 accident
Ashcraft, Clarence E.		Cromer, Jack
Backus, Wallace "Walley"		Culver, Charlie
Barnard, Jack W.	Eagle 63	Dailey, Wilfred
Barrett, John L.	Eagle 10	Darnell, Daniel T. "Danny"
Beasley, James		Dent, George
Beeman, Willie		Dobberteen, John
Bell, Donald F. "Don"		Donohoe, James E. "Jim" Eagle 48
Blake, M.		Douglas, James "Jim"
Boettcher, Richard M. "Pop"		Downs, Claude M. Eagle 111
Boone, Howard		Dwiggins, Donald "Don" Eagle 87
Bradberry, Robert		Elder, Roy Eagle 59
Brown, J. W. "Red Hot Henry"		Elliott, Robert N. "Bob" To Thunderbird
Brown, Charles		Erbig, William H. "Bill" Eagle 107
Burwell, Joseph R. "Joe"	Eagle 98	Fleener, John
Butler, Walter		Foster, G. Wayne
Burdette, Walter D.		Fostervold, O. P. "Olie"
Cabeen, Robert P. "Bob"		Frederickson, Wyeth
Cafferty, N.		Furlong, Alto Eagle 40
Campbell, A. N., Jr.	Eagle 110	Galbraith, Ted C. Eagle 45
Campbell, James C.		Ganow, William Charles
Campbell, William P. "Bill"		Gertje, Earl H. Eagle 79
Carson, Frank		Gladney, Jack
Chapman, Burl	Eagle 99	Gonsalves (Changed to Gann), Vince Eagle 70
Christensen, Archie		Gordon, Barney Killed at Falcon
Clark, Milton A.		Gossard, Albert

Green, Max O.		Poe, Delbert	
Griffen, Horace B., Jr.	Eagle 112	Poteet, Norman M.	Eagle 69
Grooms, James R. "Jimmy"	Eagle 90	Potter, Henry	To SWA Cargo Division
Hammond, Bob	Killed at Falcon	Rasmussen, Roy	
Hammond, Wesley		Rayburn, Paul	
Hansen, Charles B. "Charlie"	Eagle 61	Reddy, Matthew	
Hemphill, W. W. "Bill"	Eagle 71	Reddy, W. J. "Jerry"	
Hill, Sid		Reuhlen, Ernie	To SWA Cargo Division
Hixson, W. L. "Bill"	Eagle 76	Richardson, Amos E.	Eagle 78
Jackson, Myron "Butch"		Robart, E. A. "Dink"	Eagle 42
James, R. B. "Bud"		Robart, Paul	Eagle 66
Jones, Bob		Robinson, John J. "Bud"	Eagle 53
Kaufman, Max	Eagle 44	Robinson, Merle	
Kelly		Rogers, Kelley H.	
Kern, Carl V.		Rose, Reed A.	Eagle 83
Kerns, Ken		Rosenberg, "Rosy"	
Kersting, Robert		Sanders, Francis "Frank"	
King, Herschul A.		Satchell, Norman	Eagle 65
Kunkel, Gordon W.		Schendel, Willard W.	Killed at Falcon
Kyle, Leonard "Leo"	Eagle 68	Schmidt, Alvin R. "Al"	Eagle 94
Lamoreaux, Lowell		Schumacher, John	
Lance, James F.	Eagle 85	Schwilk, Harold	
Larsen, Douglas P.		Seccombe, Clinton "Clint", Jr.	Eagle 108
Leonard, R. E. "Bob"	Eagle 97	Seymour, Don	Citation for Bravery at Pearl Harbor
Lockridge, John		Shelton, Ray S.	Eagle 114
Lowell, Charles H. "Chuck"		Sherill, D.	
Maguire, George		Shults, Doice T.	Eagle 77
Martino, Steve	To SWA Cargo Division	Smith, Francis O.	
Mayhugh, Ben F.		Smith, Tyrrel	
Merha, Frederick K. "Fred"	Eagle 43	Smithers, John	Joined RCAF
Mills, Larry		Snodgrass, Jack	
Minton, Silas J.		Spohnhauer, Ralph H.	Eagle 54
Mitchell, Allen T.	Eagle 57	Stevenson, Harold A.	
Mitchell, James		Stone, Kenneth L. "Ken"	Eagle 89
Mitchell, William H. "Bill"		Strobel, William L. "Bill"	Eagle 86
Moeller, Milton D. "Milt"		Sullenberger, Louis E.	Joined USAAF
Montgomery, James E. "Jim"		Surbridge, John J.	Eagle 109
Moore, A. Lee		Taylor, John R. "Johnny"	Eagle 72
Morris, Walter		Templeton, Roy "Snapper"	Eagle 115
Moses, James L. "Jimmy"	Eagle 113	Thiele, David A.	Eagle 80
Musselman, Gerald "Jerry"	Eagle 60	Thompson, W. A. G. "Bill"	
Nerwich, Joe	Joined RCAF	Tolman, Wilson H. "Bill"	Eagle 50
Netser, James E. "Jimmy"	Died 1944	Tuttle, Richard E. "Dick"	Eagle 46
Newell, Jack H.		Walker, Clayton D.	Eagle 96
North, Harry		Walker, Donald	Killed at Falcon
O'Connell, Michael J. "Mike"	Eagle 75	Walkowitch, Dave (name changed to Walker)	Eagle 49
O'Connor, John		Wallee, Dave	
Pankratz, Walley		Webb, Allen C. "Ace"	
Parrott, John Grady	Eagle 58	Wertheimer, Paul M.	
Parsons, John L. "Johnny"		Wheeler, Max	Eagle 105
Pelton, Ernest		Wickman, Wilfred F. "Will"	Eagle 91
Pemberton, Leonard R. "Leo"		Wood, Sidney J. "Sid"	Eagle 51
Perry, Clarence		Wood, W. A.	Eagle 103
Petella, Frank	From Thunderbird	Worthen, Richard J. "Dick"	
Phippen, Melvin C. "Mel"	Eagle 84	Wrinkle, Darron C. "Charlie"	
Piercy, Ernest	Eagle 67	Wurts, Pete	
Piggott, Verne			

APPENDIX D

THE COURSE ROSTERS

Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.

Sir Winston Spencer Churchill in a tribute to the Royal Air Force,
House of Commons, August 20, 1940

The course rosters are the result of five years of research by the author and his wife Diane and eighteen years of research by Robert H. Brown, Course 20 member and registrar of the Falcon Field Association. Information was checked and rechecked many times during the research process, but no doubt mistakes will be found, and for those mistakes, I sincerely apologize.

We began with official government records in the hands of the Falcon Field Association and added to that information from whatever sources we could locate. As reconstruction of the rosters began, we came to appreciate the magnitude of the cadets' involvement in the war and the terrible cost they payed. The early course all had about fifty members, and several courses lost half of their numbers killed in service to their country. Course 6 lost twenty-five; Course 7, twenty-four; Course 8, twenty-seven. And those are just the deaths we know about. Add to those numbers the wounded and the POWs.

Falcon cadets who for one reason or another did not graduate as pilots were given assignments as navigators, air bombers, or wireless operator/air gunners.¹ All of them, graduates and those who were reassigned to other needed skills, went to war and did their best. Their names, their heroics, and — when we had a photograph — their faces follow in the course rosters for the cadets who passed through Falcon Field on the way to finding their place among what in now most correctly called the "greatest generation."

A guide to the abbreviations used in The Course Rosters follows the rosters.

Information for the course Rosters came from the following 1940s sources:

- Academic Reports - HQ 15th AAF Flying Training Detachment and HQ 3044th AAF Base Unit
(from the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, USA)
- Course (class) photographs
- Grave markers in the Mesa City Cemetery, Mesa Arizona
- Movement Orders — US Army District Transportation Office, Los Angeles, California
- Newspaper clippings of deaths at Falcon Field
- Royal Air Force Delegation to Washington, D.C. (Rafdel): Acquittance Rolls, Disembarkation
Rolls, Disposal Rolls, Nominal Rolls, Primary Rolls, Eliminations Rolls
- Unit Histories - HQ 15th AAF Flying Training Detachment and HQ 3044th AAF Base Unit
(from the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, USA)

Additional information came from the following present-day sources:

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (www.cwgc.org)
- Falcon Field Association of Great Britain, Bill McCash AFM, Chairman
- Former cadets and staff members and/or their family members
- Public Records Office Kew, London, AIR 29/625/626/627
- Royal Air Force Bomber Command Losses*, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 by W. R. Chorley
- Royal Air Force Records, Ministry of Defense, Innsworth, Gloucestershire, England

¹ Reassignment could be for one of the following reasons: air sickness, discipline problems, ground school failure, ineptitude at flying, medical disqualification, temperament unsuited to flying, violation of flying regulations, or the cadets own request.



Course 1

Beginning Date: June 18, 1941

Graduation Date: October 31, 1941

Name	Rank	Service Number	Additional Information
Austin, Stanley Maurice	LAC	1016802	Grad P/O 113412, KIA 03 Feb 43 Tunisia, age 20, 243 SQDN, F/O, buried Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia
Brayshaw, Henry Willis	LAC	1253870	Grad SGT, KIA 07 Jul 42, age 24, 148 SQDN, buried Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt
Brooke, P. W. S.	LAC	1330512	Grad SGT
Brooks, Alexander Thomas	LAC	1268283	Killed at Falcon, died 20 Oct 41 from injuries received in an AT-6A night flying accident on 16 Oct 41, age 20
Cockshott, J. V.	LAC	1025417	Grad SGT, Bomber Command, S/L, DFC
Collins, E.	LAC	900549	Reassigned
Crimmin, W. J.	LAC	1376822	Grad SGT, F/L
Davies, Walter	LAC	1380163	Grad SGT, K(P) 25 Sep 44, age 22, 3 SQDN, F/O 145833, Runnymede Memorial
Dawson, Gilbert Tannahill	LAC	1285473	Grad SGT, KIS 22 Nov 42, age 20, 40 SQDN, F/SGT, Bone War Cemetery, Algeria
Featherston, A. E.	LAC	1380087	Grad SGT, F/L
Foster, Arthur Edgar	LAC	1169809	Grad P/O 113416, KIA 22 Jun 44, age 23, (Lancaster I bombing mission to Wesseling), 630 SQDN, S/L, DFC, Runnymede Memorial
Foster, Alec Leonard	LAC	1169808	Grad P/O 113415, KIA 03 Sep 42, age 21, 61 SQDN, P/O, Runnymede Memorial
Foulston, W.	LAC	1213018	Grad SGT, F/L
Friar, James	LAC	1380253	Grad SGT, KIS 15 Nov 42, age 20, 81 SQDN, F/SGT, Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria
Groves, Philip Henry	LAC	1198659	Grad SGT, KIA 12 Sep 44 Reichwald, Germany, age 31, (Halifax III bombing mission to Munster), 102 SQDN, P/O 182368, buried Reichwald Forest War Cemetery
Gunther, Victor William	LAC	1384307	Grad P/O 113404, KIS 24 Jan 42, age 31, 61 OTU, P/O, City of London Cemetery
Hampson, W. G.	LAC	1057491	Grad SGT, F/L, DFC
Harrison, S. B. H.	LAC	1206313	Grad P/O, POW, shot down 31 Dec 44 (Halifax III bombing mission to Cologne, Germany — all other crew killed), 76 SQDN, F/L
Heywood, N. E.	LAC	1288023	Reassigned
Hooson, Joseph	LAC	1206791	Reassigned navigator, KIA 29 Dec 43 Berlin, age 29, 35 SQDN (Halifax II bombers), P/O 158427, DFM, Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Brandenburg, Germany

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Kelman, John Fraser	LAC	1365410	Grad SGT, KIA 14 Feb 45, age 23, 124 SQDN, W/O, The Hague (Westduin) General Cemetery, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands
Langton, Henry Algernon (name change to Calley, 1973)	LAC	1330550	Grad P/O, 37, 104, 142, & 148 SQDNs, W/C, DSO, DFC
Leigh, A. M.	LAC	654504	Grad P/O, P/O
Lewis, V. C.	LAC	1182879	Grad P/O, Training Command, S/L
Lewsey, S. G.	LAC	933272	Grad SGT, F/L
Lock, Carrick Forbes	LAC	929370	Grad SGT, KIS 04 Jun 42, 12 OTU, SGT, buried Rotherfield Greys (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Oxfordshire, UK
MacFarlane, William	LAC	1122688	Grad SGT, KIA 17 Apr 43, age 22, (shot down by Hauptman Rudolf Altendorf), 61 SQDN (Lancaster I bombers), P/O 142540, buried Chievres Communal Cemetery, Chievres, Hainaut, Belgium
Markham, C. W.	LAC	1375472	Grad P/O, F/L
Matthews, George Dixon	LAC	527079	Grad SGT, KIA 11 Oct 44, age 30, (Lancaster I bombing mission to Breskens, Holland, ABC aircraft), 101 SQDN, S/L 47719, Adegem Canadian War Cemetery, Maldegem, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium
Mayes, Gordon H.	LAC	1269610	Grad P/O, S/L
McCormack, Ernest Henry	LAC	1184551	Grad SGT, KIA 16 Aug 43, age 28, 107 SQDN, F/O 135147, Valenciennes (St. Roch) Communal Cemetery, Nord, France
MacIntyre, Archibald Angus (or McIntyre)	LAC	1270621	Grad SGT, K(P) 28 Feb 45, age 21, 222 SQDN, F/L 123214, Ermelo New General Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands
McOwan, Bruce John	LAC	1330732	Reassigned navigator, KIS 03 Oct 45, 11 OTU, F/O 161717, DFM, buried Cottesmore (St. Nichols) Churchyard Extension, Rutland, UK
Muirhead, R. B.	LAC	1379746	Grad P/O 113419, K(P) 24 Sept 42, 70 SQDN, P/O, Alamein Memorial, Egypt
Munro, A. M.	LAC	1380445	Grad SGT
Nichols, G. E. T.	LAC	1383008	Grad SGT, F/L, DFM & Bar
Peugh, Alan F.	LAC	1259783	Grad SGT
Phelps, Eric John	LAC	1291762	Grad SGT, K(P) 14 May 43, age 22, 124 SQDN, F/SGT, Runnymede Memorial
Ritchie, F. E. B.	LAC	1182498	Grad SGT, F/O
Sartin, A. C.	LAC	1291206	Reassigned
Sellis, R.	LAC	1315311	Reassigned, F/L
Swain, Lawrence Harold	LAC	1268639	Grad SGT, KIA 13 Sep 42, age 20, 185 SQDN, F/SGT, buried Malta Naval Cemetery
Tabner, Lawrence Harry	LAC	1293166	Reassigned navigator, KIA 14 Jan 43, age 20 (Wellington X minelaying operation), 466 SQDN, SGT, Runnymede Memorial
Taylor, Vicat L.	LAC	1384424	Reassigned, F/L
True, Leslie	LAC	1166508	Grad SGT, 124, 232, & 72 SQDNs, S/L
Whitfield, T. K.	LAC	1100068	Grad SGT, F/L
Whittle, B. C.	LAC	552301	Grad SGT
Wilkinson, W. J.	LAC	1076962	Grad SGT

Course 1 Note: A. E. Foster and A. L. Foster were twin brothers with consecutive serial numbers.



Course 2

Beginning Date: July 17, 1941

Graduation Date: December 6, 1941

Name	Rank	Service Number	Additional Information
Appleton, F. N. B.	LAC	1023718	Reassigned
Bailey, R. C.	LAC	1023718	Grad SGT
Bambridge, Ernest F.	LAC	1268351	Grad SGT, 60 SQDN (Hurricane fighters), India & Burma, F/L
Barnes, R. J.	LAC	1290224	Reassigned
Bassett, J. L.	LAC	1119626	Reassigned
Bennett, N.	LAC	1195060	Grad SGT, F/L
Burrage, Raymond Gilbert	LAC	1268459	Grad P/O 115114, KIS 19 Sept 42, age 20, 165 SQDN, P/O, buried Fritton (St. Edmund) Churchyard, Suffolk, UK
Challis, Donald Clive	LAC	1267269	Grad SGT, KIA 06 Aug 43 Straits of Messina, age 29, 40 SQDN, P/O 146991, DFM, Alamein Memorial, Egypt
Colling, Paul Cecil John	LAC	1194037	Killed at Falcon 21 Oct 41 in a BT-13 crash, age 18, buried Mesa City Cemetery
Cooke, B. W.	LAC	1071341	Grad P/O, Stirling bombers, F/L
Cornwell, Keith Stanley	LAC	1267921	Grad SGT, KIA 12 Apr 42, age 19, 55 OTU, SGT, buried Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK
Costain, Hank D.	LAC	1379467	Grad SGT, 154, 615, 245, 11, 602, 608, 33, 35, SQDNs, MBE, W/C RAF retired
Dawkins, John Arthur Norman	LAC	1267473	Grad SGT, KIA 06 Jan 43, age 20, 249 SQDN, F/O 115203, buried Syracuse War Cemetery, Sicily
Duffy, J. H.	LAC	1022816	Grad P/O, F/L
Eaton, E.	LAC	1069524	Reassigned, F/O
Forman, D. D.	LAC	1267052	Reassigned
Fox, Peter	LAC	1119366	Grad SGT, KIS 05 Oct 44, 54 SQDN, P/O 188187, Singapore Memorial
Gatley, Peter	LAC	1072709	Grad SGT, died in service 09 Sept 43, age 20, 242 SQDN, buried Catania War Cemetery, Sicily
Graham, W.	LAC	1023694	Grad SGT, F/L
Green, George H.	LAC	953578	Grad SGT
Greenwood, E. G. T.	LAC	1291200	Grad SGT
Harding, J. E.	LAC	1121297	Reassigned
Hardman, Harry	LAC	1071356	Grad SGT
Harris, Frank	LAC	655491	Grad SGT, KIA 24 Mar 43, 6 SQDN, F/SGT, buried Sfax War Cemetery, Tunisia
Harris, Robert	LAC	1195323	Grad SGT, KIA 22 Oct 42, age 20, 73 SQDN, SGT, Alamein Memorial, Egypt
Hilditch, Clarence C.	LAC	1069909	Grad P/O, F/L

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Hoggard, William Henry	LAC	1358313	Grad P/O 115259, KIA 26 Jan 43, age 27 (Spitfire Vc Ramrod operation in Morlaix area of France), 130 SQDN, F/O, Runnymede Memorial
Hounsell, John Trevor	LAC	1268030	Grad SGT, KIA 22 Apr 43, age 20, 112 SQDN, F/SGT, Alamein Memorial, Egypt
Howard, John Robert	LAC	953415	Grad P/O 115262, KIS 08 Apr 43, 268 SQDN, F/O, Birmingham (Perry Bar) Crematorium, Warwickshire, UK
Hyde, Arthur Reginald	LAC	924833	Grad SGT, K(P) 15 Jun 44, 615 SQDN, F/O 169440, Singapore Memorial
Kirby, Lawrence William	LAC	1267341	Grad P/O 115053, KIA 25 Aug 43, age 29, (shot down by a Focke-Wulf 190 while on Popular sortie to Evreux, France), 4 SQDN (Mustang Is), F/O, buried Newhaven Cemetery, Sussex, UK
Koek-Koek, Pat	LAC	1069844	Reassigned bomb aimer, KIA 11 Jun 43, age 28, 104 SQDN, SGT, buried Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia
Law, James	LAC	1101018	Grad SGT, KIA 04 Sep 42, age 21, 75 SQDN, SGT, buried Sage War Cemetery, Germany
Matthews, Thomas William	LAC	1326561	Grad SGT, KIA 08 Feb 44, age 24, 274 SQDN, F/SGT, Cassino War Cemetery, Italy
McNab, J.	LAC	1118845	Reassigned, F/L
McNiven, Angus	LAC	1023031	Grad SGT, F/O
Morgan, Denys William Evan	LAC	1382998	Grad P/O 115393, KIA 07 Sep 42, age 26, 10 SQDN, P/O, buried Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany
Neill, A. G.	LAC	1118926	Grad P/O, F/L
Owen, Wyn R.	LAC	655246	Grad P/O, PFF, POW Stalag Luft 3 then Luckenwalder, shot down 16/17 Apr 43 (Halifax II bombing mission to Pilsen), 35 SQDN, S/L, DFC, RAF retired
Parker, Phillip	LAC	1195464	Grad SGT, Spitfire fighters, flying instructor No. 4 BFTS, F/O
Porter, M. S. J.	LAC	1073682	Reassigned, F/L
Sinclair, W. L.	LAC	1365198	Grad P/O, F/O
Steevenson, Nigel Basil Quiggin	LAC	1071855	Grad SGT, K(P) 19 Nov 42, age 20, 111 SQDN (Hurricane fighters), SGT, Malta Memorial
Studley, C. A.	LAC	1289908	Grad SGT, 54 SQDN, F/L
Swaby, Jim W.	LAC	1379585	Grad SGT, 271 SQDN, F/O
Turner, George Alexander	LAC	1195329	Grad P/O, F/L
Watt, E.	LAC	1022282	Reassigned, F/L
Whitehouse, E. H.	LAC	1023696	Grad SGT, F/O
Williams, Anthony	LAC	1290611	Grad SGT, K(P) 12 Jul 43, age 20, 229 SQDN, P/O 158576, Malta Memorial
Willis, John M.	LAC	1072886	Reassigned
Wort, H. G.	LAC	1289981	Reassigned
Yöung, S. R.	LAC	750521	Grad SGT, F/O