

The Log Book of F/Lt. Pritchard, D.F.C.

Covering the period August, 1940 to December, 1943

Notes on transcriptions.

During the training period from August, 1940 to the end of March, 1941 there are times when there are no descriptions of the flights, and the log book is "blank" in this column.

Some entries are difficult to read. In these cases, a ? mark or a series of ? marks has been placed on the transcription to indicate the uncertainty of the entry.

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2. Observers and air gunners will maintain an accurate and detailed record of all flights undertaken on service aircraft.
3. Results of ab initio courses will be recorded on either pages 2, 3, 4 or 5, for which purpose a rubber stamp is available.
4. Proficiency assessments will be recorded on the appropriate page at the back of the book annually on 31st December, on posting or on attachment to another unit for flying duties.
5. Bombing and Air Gunnery records will be entered in the appropriate pages at the back of the book annually on 31st December.
6. Monthly totals will be entered on a single line in red ink and initialled by the Commanding Officer of his deputy.

Certificates of Qualification.
(to be filled in as appropriate)

1. This is to certify that 976304 SGT. J. A. Pritchard
has qualified as AIR GUNNER
with effect from 19.10.40 Sgd. PR Coventy S/LDR
Date Unit 7. B. & G.S.
2. This is to certify that
has qualified as
with effect from Sgd
Date Unit
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Morse Speed 18. w.p.m. WL Waders? 20/9/40
 Sgt. 17/10/40
 F/Sgt. 1/4/42
 P/Officer 9/11/42
 Flying Off. 9/5/43 (Acting S/L 22/11/43 – 23/1/44)
 D.F.C 23/1/44
 F/Lt. London Gazette

RESULTS OF AB INITIO GUNNERY COURSE			
Station held		NEWTON DOWN	
Period of Course		22.9.40 – 18.10.40	
Exercise	Rounds fired	% Hits	Type of Aircraft
25 yd. Range	600	Pass.	
No. of G.28 films. Cine footage			Battle
Air to Ground	350	Pass	Battle
Beam	300	13.	Whitley
Beam R.S.	550	7.5	Whitley
Free Astern	500	5.	Whitley
Under Tail			Whitley
Night.			
Exam. Marks 70%	Course 14 Hrs 55 Flying Time		
REMARKS: PASS Pass Class B. An Average A/G. R Coventry S/L C. I.			

No. 2 E.W.S. Yatesbury

August – September - 1940

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times (day)	(night)
23/8/40	1425	Domini 1 5923	Mr Reston.	Receiver Training	Satisfactory C J Peachey	50 min.	
23/8/40	1530	Domini 1 5923	Mr Reston.	Calibration Training	Satisfactory C J Peachey	40 m	
23/8/40	1620	Domini 1 5923	Mr Reston.	Turning Back	Satisfactory C J Peachey	35 m	
26/8/40	910	R5929	Mr. O'Connor	Log Keeping	Sat. DJ?	65 m	
26/8/40	1040	R5929	Mr. O'Connor		Engine trouble DJ?	15 m	
26/8/40	1115	R9545	Mr. O'Connor	G. Message	Lat V.C.C.?	40 m	
27/8/40	14.30	R5932	do	Receiving G. Messages	Below average. R Heath.	60 m	
29/8/40	1430	R9545	Mr. Penrose	D/F Exercise	Satisfactory C J Peachey	60 m	
29/8/40	15.40	R6545	Mr. Penrose	Log Keeping	Sat. C J Peachey	60 m	
3/9/40	09.20	R5933	Mr. Bray	Log Keeping	Sat. R J Lakle?	60 m.	
4/9/40	09.10	R5922	Mr. McCartney	Procedure Ex.	Satisfactory R. Heath	65 m	
4/9/40	10.45	R5922	do	Log Keeping	Satisfactory R. Heath	65m	
9/9/40	14.35	R9547	Mr. Nicholson	Procedure Ex. & Freq. Changing	Satisfactory KBN?	70 m	
11/9/40	09.25	R5930	Mr. Penrose	Log Keeping Proc.	Below Average HKR	65 m	
13/9/40	14.30	R5930	do	D.F. Procedure	Satisfactory HKR	60 m	
13/9/40	15.50	R5930	do	Log Keeping	Satisfactory HKR	1hr 0m	
						14.30	
					CS?? M???dow		
					S/LDR O i/c		
					Total Time ...		

No.7 B.&G.S. Newton Down

September – October 1940

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times (day)	(night)
27.9.40	¹	7672 Battle	Sgnt Tock	F.R.G.G.	²	-30	
1.10.40		7209 Whitley	F/St Larner	F.R.B.T.		1-35	
1.10.40		7195 do	Sgnt Hubbard	do		-40	
3.10.40		7199 do	" Danby	B.R.S.T.		1-05	
3.10.40		7199 do	P/O Tripe	do		1-10	
3.10.40		7198 do	Sgnt Danby	F.R.B.T.		-55	
5.10.40		7195 do	" Danby	B.R.S.T.		1-15	
5.10.40		7199 do	" Danby	do		1-30	
7.10.40		7188 do	P/O Poynton	do		1-10	
7.10.40		4162 do	Sgnt Holloway	U.T.T.		-50	
8.10.40		7604 Battle	Sgnt Hawksworth	F.R.G.G.		-30	
8.10.40		7204 Whitley	P/O Plumb	FR.Ast.		1-00	
8.10.40		4162 do	Sgnt Danby	T.M.		1-00	
11.10.40		7258 do	P/O Poynton	P.P.Ast.		1-05	
11.10.40		7258 do	Sgnt Loughran	do		-40	
						14-55	
					(see page 3 of book.)		
					for signature		

¹ No times are listed in the "Hour" column on this page.

² There are no entries under "Remarks" on this page and the initial part of the next page.

No. 10. O.T.U. Abingdon.

November 1940 – Dec.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
11.11.40	10.10	Whitley K9014	F/Sgt Bickenson	W/T practice		HRS - M 1.50	
12.11.40	15.15	Anson N5009	Sgt Jones	do		1.40	
13.11.40	10.40	Whitley K8992	F/O Lolor	do		1.0	
13.11.40	11.45	do	Sgt Reid	do		.35	
13.11.40	14.45	do K8976	S/Ldr Burwood	do		2.5	
13.11.40	16.45	do	P/O Davies	do		.30	
15.11.40	14.45	Anson N5007	Sgt. Gibbons	do		2.20	
16.11.40	09.00	Whitley K8994?	F/Lt Strong	do		.30	
16.11.40	09.30	do	LAC Harmond	do		.30	
16.11.40	10.05 ?	do	F/Lt Strong	do		.10	
16.11.40	10.15	do	LAC Lambert	do		1.45	
20.11.40	14.45	Anson R330?5	P/O Outram	do		2.0	
20.11.40	18.05	do N5007	Sgt Jones	do			1.5
20.11.40	21.15	do	do	do			.25
20.11.40	22.10	do	do	do			.20
21.11.40	14.45	do N5004	P/O Cant	Air Firing	200 rounds fired no W/T	1.25	
23.11.40	10.20	do N5005	Sgt Balley	W/T practice	(cross country) 1 H/F Bg & 1 M/F Bg taken	1.55	
27.11.40	10.10	do N5022	P/O Cant	do	2 H/F Bgs taken & 3 messages passed to base (cross country)	2.40	
27.11.40	17.50	do N3306	P/O Cant	Air gunner	20 mins W/T – 1 H/F Bg taken (cross country)		2.5
2.12.40	11.30	Whitley K9003	LAC Hammond	W/T practice	– (locals)	.30	
4.12.40	17.50	do K8941	F/Lt Strong	do	listening watch only xmitter U/S (locals)		1.15
Taken Forward. Total Time ...						21.25	5.40

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December

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
					Brought Forward.	Hrs.Min 21.25	5.10
4.12.40	14.20	Anson R9721	Sgt. Gibbons	W/T practice	(cross-country) 1 H/F Bg taken Receiver U/S after 25 mins (valve gone)	2.20	
6.12.40	09.30	Whitley K8972	P/O Fisher	do	4 H/F Bgs taken (instrument flying)	2.10	
6.12.40	14.50	do	F/O Lolor	do	2 M/F Bgs taken (do)	1.10	
8.12.40	14.45	Anson N5004	F/Sgt Sutton	do	1 H/F Bg & 1 M/F Bg taken (cross-country)	1.30	
11.12.40	20.20	Whitley K9011	LAC Simm	do	2 H/F Bgs taken (locals – Stanton)		1.00
11.12.40	21.25	do	LAC Chapman	do	2 do (locals – Stanton)		1.30
11.12.40	23.00	do	F/Lt. Strong	do	-----		.15
12.12.40	14.55	Anson N5002	F/Sgt Sutton	do	2 M/F Bgs taken (Bombing) (Manchester)	.35	
12.12.40	15.35	do	do	do	----- (Bombing - Marcham)	.30	
15.12.40		do N5004	Sgt Jones	do	3 H/F Bgs taken, 2 messages to base. (cross-country)	2.10	
16.12.40	10.45	Whitley K9014	F/Sgt Langton	do	3 H/F Bgs taken. (instrument flying)	1.15	
				HRS. M.	J.S Calsem ³ S/L	33.5	7.55
For "B" Flight.				Day: 19.5	Total flying A B, X flights =	41	hours
				Night 3.55			
For "A" Flight.				Day: 10.35			
				Night: - -			
For "X" Flight.				Day: 3.25			
				Night: 4.0			
			Total.	41.0	as above.		
29.12.40	13.50	Whitley P5079	Sgt. Lynch	W.op.	Locals. 3 H/F Bgs. taken	1.30	
					Total Time ...		

³ The signature is hard to read, so this may not be the correct spelling of the S/L's name.)

January 1941

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
9.1.41	1345	Whitley P4999	Sgt. Leggate	Air Gunner	Locals only. firing not ordered. Turret manipulation	Hrs.Min. 1.0	
9.1.41	14.45	do do	Sgt. Tyson	do		2.0	
12.1.41	⁴	do P1407	Sgt. Lynch	W. operator and Air Gunner	Instrument Flying Locally. 2 H/F Bgs taken, Firing not ordered. 1 Drift taken.	3.0	
13.1.41	⁵	do P.5079	Sgt. Lynch	W. operator – 4 hours Air gunner – 1 hr 10m	X. Country – Lincoln: - 3 H/F Bgs. & 1 M/F Bg taken. 2 messages passed to base. Firing not ordered. Turret manip & 2 Drifts.	5.10	
14.1.41	1530	do N1439	Sgt Leggate	Air gunner	Local circuits & landings. Turret manip	1.0	
16.1.41	1345	P4173	Sgt. Leggate	W. operator	Instrument Flying locally. 6 H/F Bgs. taken 9 frequencies used.	2.30	
16.1.41	1820	P4173	Sgt. Lynch	Air gunner	Locals only. Turret Manip		4.0
17.1.41	1100	P ⁶ 1439	Sgt. Lynch	W. operator	9 frequencies used. 3 messages, 1 loop Bg. 6 H/F Bgs taken to base X Country & Bombing at Marchan	5.0	
					Monthly Totals	19.40	4.0
		Total time for month			Leggy – F/Lt. DFC.		
"D" Flight.		Day:-	19 Hrs. 40 mins		5/6/43		
		Night:-	4 Hrs. -				
	Grand	Total	95 hrs 35 mins				
		Day:-	83 – 40				
		Night:-	11 hrs 55				
					Total Time ...		

⁴ no time given for this entry

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⁶ This entry is probably incorrect, and should be N1439, as entered above since P1439 is not a Whitley serial number, but N1439 is recorded as being at 10 OTU.
F/Lt. Pritchard D.F.C.

No. 10. O.T.U. Abingdon

February 1941

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						Flying Times (day)	(night)
2.2.41	1800	Whitley 1479	Sgt Leggate	Air Gunner	Grand Totals	83.40	11.55
2.2.41	1145	Whitley 1479	Sgt Leggate	W. operator	Freq's 5335, 3390, 3340, 3570, 3940, 4000. 4 M/F Bgs taken. (Bombing Marcham)	2.15	
4.2.41	1040	Whitley 4132	Sgt Lynch	Air Gunner	(Bombing at Marcham)	2.35	
7.2.41	1215	do 5087	Sgt Lynch	W. operator	3260, 3750, 3940, 3640, 3915, 3975, 4000, 3340, (Bombing at Marcham) 5 H/F Bgs taken.	1.45	
8.2.41	1430	do 4173	Sgt Leggate	Air Gunner	1500 rounds fired on range & 2 Drifts taken	1.50	
10.2.41	1120	do 4999	W/Comdr Howes	W. operator	3260, 3340, 3945, 3915. & 7XM, freq. unknown. (Local flying C & L). 2 Bgs. taken.	1.0	
10.2.41	1445	do 4999	Sgt Leggate	Air Gunner	Local Circuits & Landings.	1.30	
10.2.41	1835?	do 5087	W/Comdr Howes	W. operator			1.30
14.2.41	8.40	do 4177	Sgt Leggate	W. operator	(Bombing at Marcham) 3260, 3340, 3945, Wyton, Bicester, U. Heyford, Boscombe (4 H/F Bgs.) Xmitter practically U/S.	2.40	
15.2.41	1815	do 1439	F/O Steyn	W. operator	x.country – Peterboro (Ax7 L6G 9JD B9Y.) H/T almost flat, Receiver U/S most of trip. 3 M/F Bgs. 1 message to Base.		4.0
16.2.41	1430	do 4931	Sgt Leggate	Air Gunner	Bombing at Marcham	1.0	
21.2.41	1455	do 4132	Sgt Lynch	W. operator	ZZ. practice. Base S.G.W. & D/F	1.20	
21.2.41 ?	1840	do 5087	Sgt Lynch	W. operator	370, 3478, 3940, 3260. 1 M/F Fix, 1 M/F Bg. 3 H/F Bgs, 3 Messages to base.		4.0
24.2.41	1030	do 4132	Sgt Tyson	Air Gunner	Forced landing at Shawbury. a/c Damaged on landing.	1.45	
25.2.41	1230	do 4999	P/O Peace	Passenger	Shawbury to Base.	1.5	
25.2.41	23.45 ?	do 5079	Sgt Tyson	Air Gunner			2.0
			Total times for month.		Signature FL McCulloch F/Lt	18.45	13.0
			Day:- 18 hrs – 45 mins		for O.C. D. Flight		
			Night: 13 hrs – 0 mins				
			Day	Night	(F/Sgt Heller DFM my W/T screen – missing March 1942)		
		Grand totals:	102hrs 25 mins	24 hrs 55 mins	Total Time ...		

10. O.T.U. Abingdon.

March

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						102.25 Flying Times (day)	24.55 (night)
2.3.41	1920	Whitley 1439	Sgt. Leggate	Air Gunner	Circuits & Landings.		3 . 0
3.3.41	1935	do 5079	Sgt Lynch	Air Gunner	Port engine failing. ASI. U/S.		30
4.3.41	1215	do 1477	Sgt Lynch	W. operator	Air test: - 3340, 3260, 3945, 3915, 4000. 2 M/F Bgs – CTG & C8Q.	.20	
4.3.41	2000	do 5079	Sgt Lynch	W. operator and Air Gunner	Bombing – Marcham, 3340, 3945, 3260, and Locals. 2 M/F Bgs. WOP. 1 hr. AG. 3.35		4.35
5.3.41	1440	do 4999	Sgt. Leggate	Air Gunner	1,000 rounds fired over Harwell range.	2.10	
						104.55	33.0
			Grand totals up to 7th March /41		= Day: 104 hrs – 55m. Night: 33 hrs.		
					total 137 hrs – 55 m.		
			Grand totals for 10. O.T.U.				
					Signed Webster? P/O for S/Ldr		
			Day: 75 hrs – 30 mins.		O/C D Flight.		
			Night: 33 hrs – 0 m		10. O.T.U.		
						Total Time ...	

No. 10 OTU

Reports of Practices carried out during course.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						104-55	33.0
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
Flying times on W.T. operation				Hrs. Mins 75 20			
No. of cross country flights:Day				6			
Night				3			
No of occasions:							
Passed position reports or other messages				18			
Obtained loop bearings				3			
" M.F. fr???? etc				9			
" Bearings from Base				35			
" " " station other than Base				40			
Regional Control Stations worked				6			
No. of LL landings carried out: -				1			
Has received instructions on: -							
I.F.F. & Marconi G.P. set but no time in air							
			(signed) L. E. Paintt?	F/Lt.			
7 th Mar 1941					(signed) ????? ⁷ Wing Cdr.		
					Chief Instructor No. 10 O.T.U.		
					8 Mar 1941		
						Total Time	...

⁷ Signature unreadable on original copy.
F/Lt. Pritchard D.F.C.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward		
						108-5 Flying Times (day)	48-45 (night)	
May								
18-5-41	1555	Wellington W5648	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	Shallufa – 09 (advanced base)	1-50		
18-5-41	2350	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	3 Operations: – 09 – Eleusis (Greece) – 09.		7-55	
19-5-41	0915	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	09 – Shallufa	2-10		
25-5-41	2115	do W5628	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	4 Operations: – Base – Maleme (Crete) – 09.		8-5	
26-5-41	0700	do	Sgt Tricklebank	W/Operator	09 – Shallufa	2-5		
27-4-41	2230	do T2570	Sgt Tricklebank	W/Operator	5 Operations: - Base – Scarpanto – Base.		7-45	
		Total Flying for May 1941						
		Day: 6hrs 5 mins						
		Night: 23hrs 45 mins						
		Signed Pascall? ⁸ F/Lt						
		(Tricklebank awarded DFM – Dec. 1941)						
					Total Time ...	114-10	72-30	

⁸ Signature difficult to read on original.
F/Lt. Pritchard D.F.C.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Times carried forward	
						114•10	72•30
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
June							
3•6•41	2300	Wellington N2756	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	6 Operations – Rhodes Island		
5•6•41	1800	do	P/O Cooper	W/Operator	– cancelled – I.F.F. blew up over coast.		2•50
5•6•41	1800	do	P/O Cooper	W/Operator	7 Operations – Base Benghazi – 09 *		9•30
6•6•41	0740	do	P/O Cooper	W/Operator	L.G.09 to Shallufa	1•30	
8•6•41	1750	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	Shallufa to L.G.09	2•0	
					- Operations – Benghazi – cancelled Rear Turret U/S.		
9•6•41	0845	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	09 – Shallufa	1•50	
9•6•41	1730	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	Shallufa to L.G.09	2•0	
9•6•41	2130	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	8 Operations – 09 – Benghazi – 09 Also M/Gunned Shazala Aerodrome at 300 ft. One ME.110 probable Terrific Defence.		8•0
10•6•41	0650	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	L.G.09 to Shallufa	1•55	
15•6•41	1730	do N2756	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	Shallufa to L.G.60	2•30	
15•6•41	2230	do do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	9 Operations – Benghazi E/Territory – Returned 09 Engine Trouble.		3•10
16•6•41	1115	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	09 – Base – Engine Trouble – Landed Heliopolis	1•35	
19•6•41	1910	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	Heliopolis - Shallufa	•45	
24•6•41	2000	do R –	Sgt Tricklebank	W/Operator	10 Operations:- Base – Benghazi – L.G.09		9•40
25•6•41	0810	do	Sgt Tricklebank	F/Gunner	L.G.09 - Shallufa	1•55	
					(Cooper missing – Benghazi – Nov '41)		
					*lost Ayril Martin in "Y" – my pal		
					Carried Forward Total Time ...	130•10	105•40

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	130-10	105-40
						Flying Times		
						(day)	(night)	
June (cont)								
Monthly Totals For June								
a/c. Wellington								
Day:- 16 hrs.								
Night:- 33 hrs. - 10 mins								
Grand Totals								
Day:- 130 hrs – 10 m								
Night:- 105hrs – 40 m								
July								
7•7•41	2034	Wellington	Sgt Hewitt	W/Operator	11 Operations: - Base – Beirut – Aleppo (Syria) – Base			7•56
15•7•41	1722	do	Sgt Hewitt	W/Operator	Shallufa – L.G.09.	2•0		
15•7•41	1218	do	Sgt Hewitt	W/Operator	12 Operations: - 09 – Benghazi – 09. (Mines)			7•49
16•7•41	0720	do	Sgt Hewitt	W/Operator	L.G.09 – Shallufa	1•50		
28•7•41	1055	do 1018	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Oil Consumption Test & Practice Bombing	2•30		
Summary of hours – a/c Wellington								
Totals for July								
Day								
6h. 20m								
Night								
15h. 45m								
Grand Totals:								
Day								
136h. 30m								
Night								
121hr 25m								
(Henitt missing Sept 1941)								
Total Time ...								

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F/Lt. Pritchard D.F.C.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	
						136h30	121h25
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
August		Wellington					
2•8•41	1715	R1018	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	13 Shallufa – LG09	2•5	
2•8•41		do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Operations: - 09 – Benghazi – 09.		7•30*
3•8•41	0820	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	L.G.0.9 - Shallufa	1•50	
5•8•41	1730	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	14 Shallufa – LG09	1•58	
6•8•41	2235	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Operations: - 09 – Derna – 09.		6•55
7•8•41	0745	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	L.G.0.9 – Shallufa	1•45	
8•8•41	1736	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	15 Shallufa – LG09	2•5	
8•8•41	2238	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Operations: - 09. Corinth Canal (Greece) – 09.		8•22
9•8•41	0800	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	L.G.0.9 – Shallufa	1•55	
10•8•41	1728	T2557	Sgt. Earl	W/Operator	16 Shallufa – LG09	2•5	
13•8•41	2225	R1018	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Operations; - 09 – Corinth Canal – 09.		8•25
14•8•41	0813	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	L.G.0.9 – Shallufa	2•0	
18•8•41	1715	do	W/Cdr. Gosnell P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	17 Shallufa – LG09	2•10	
18•8•41	2235	do	W/Cdr. Gosnell P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Operational: - LG09 – Luqa (Malta).		8•5
24•8•41	2425	W/TON A/C	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	18 Operations: - Luqa – Tripoli - Luqa		4•25
25•8•41	2420	X3168	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	19 Operations: - Luqa – Tripoli - Luqa		4•10
29•8•41	1615	W'TON A/C 2	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Oil consumption test - Local	1•0	
29•8•41	2212	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	20 Operations: - Luqa – Tripoli - Luqa		3•30
30•8•41	2140	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	21 Operations: - Luqa – Tripoli - Luqa		3•28
					For Summary See Over Page		
					(W/Cdr Gosnell missing May 1942 – Ridgeway – instructor in Rhodesia)		
					* not included in monthly operations totals		
					Total Time ...		

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	
						Flying Times (day)	(night)
Summary of Hours – A/C Wellington							
August		Day	Night	Signed Rollinson?			
		18•53m	47•20m	S/L.			
Grand		Day	Night	O.C. BFLT			
Total		155•23m	168•45m	38 Sqn			
W'TON			September	Grand Totals		155•23	168•45
1•9•41	7.50	"T" X3168	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	22 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•10
5•9•41	1635	do	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	Air Test – Local	1•5	
6•9•41	0155	"M"	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	23 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•30
8•9•41	0035	"W" X9690	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	24 Operations:- Luqa – Palermo (Sicily) – Luqa		3•45
9•9•41	2215	"W" X9690	S/Ldr. Rollinson*	W/Operator	25 Operations:- Luqa – Palermo – Luqa		2•45
10•9•41	2220	"R"	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	26 Operations:- Luqa – Messina – Luqa		3•35
12•9•41	0205	"R"	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	27 Operations:- Luqa – Palermo – Luqa		3•35
14•9•41	0230	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	28 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•40
16•9•41	0250	"W" X9690	S/Ldr. Rollinson	W/Operator	29 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		4•0
17•9•41	0220	"Z" X9893	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	30 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		4•0
19•9•41	0250	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	31 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•30
22•9•41	0950	"C"	Sgt. McManus	Rear/Gunner	32 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•20
23•9•41	0930	"Z"	P/O Ridgeway	W/Operator	33 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.		3•55
*S/Ldr Rollinson – DFC. March '42							
Carried Forward Total Time ...						156•28	211•30

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	156•28	211•30
						Flying Times		
						(day)	(night)	
Sept.								
26•9•41	1910	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway ¹⁰	W/Operator	34 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa. (Shrapnel in main W/T set) : -- U/S.			4•0
28•9•41	1912	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	35 Operations:- Luqa – Palermo – Luqa			4•0
29•9•41	2030	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	36 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa.			3•50
Summary of Hours A/C Wellington								
			Day	Night				
September			1 hr • 5m	54h • 35m	Signed C.S. Davis F/Lt.			
Grand			Day	Night				
Total			156h • 28m	223h • 20				
Oct.								
10•10•41	2240	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	37 Operations:- Convoy at Lampadusa (Hits)			2•55
16•10•41	1015	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	Air Test	35		
16•10•41	2015	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	38 Operations:- Luqa – Naples – Luqa (Blitz) 500 pounder			6•35
19•10•41	2010	"Z" X9693	P/O Ridgway	W/Operator	39 Operations:- Luqa – Tripoli – Luqa			3•40
25•10•41	1600	"T" X3168	P/O Ridgway	W/T	Air Test:- Local. – 30 mins dual flying in	1•25		
Total Time ...						158•28	236•30	

¹⁰ Note the change to "Ridgway". Is this a new pilot or did he shorten Ridgway's name?
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Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	
						Flying Times (day)	(night)
		Summary of	Hours A/C	Wellington			
			Day	Night	Signed J O? Rollin S/L		
		November	12h – 55m	14h – 2m	Commanding "B" Flight.		
		Grand	Day	Night	No. 38 Squadron.		
		Totals	171h. – 23m	257h – 42m			
December							
8•12•41	1315	a/c "V"	Sgt Maundrell	Passenger	Shallufa to Fayum	1•0	
8•12•41	1550	W'ton a.c. delivery	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	Fayum to Shallufa	45	
11•12•41	1350	a/c "Y" N2740	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	Shallufa to L.G.09.	2•5	
12•12•41	0720	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	L.G. 09 to Shallufa via 104 Sqd. A.L.G.	2•0	
18•12•41	1455	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	43 Shallufa to L.G.60.	2•15	
18•12•41	2305	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	Operations:- LG60 – Benghazi – Base.		8•15
20•12•41	1435	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	44 Shallufa to L.G.09.	1•55	
21•12•41	2305	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	Operations:- 09. – Sidi El Magyar – 09		6•50
22•12•41	0715	do	Sgt Hyde	W/Operator	L.G.09 to Shallufa	1•3?5	
		Summary of	Hours A/C	Wellington.			
			Day	Night			
		December	11 – 35	15h – 5m	Signed Rollinson S/Lr		
		Grand	Day	Night	Commanding "B" Flight		
		Totals	182h – 58m	272h – 47m	No 38 Squadron		
			Total Hours 455hrs – 45m.		44 operations. 300 op. hours	Total Time ...	182h•58 272•47m

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	
						205•53 (day)	298•17 (night)
July							
3•7•42	1545	W'Ton 1175	P/O Moore	W/T	N.F.T.	30	
14•7•42	1115	do 445	F/Lt Berry	W/T Screen	X-Country to Montrose & bombing at Oddstone.	7-30	
19•7•42	1900	do 895	P/O MacKenzie	W/T	N.F.T.	45	
19•7•42	1945	do 724	F/Lt Berry	W/T	N.F.T.	30	
21•7•42	1100	do 9809	F/Sgt Morton	Passenger & Screen	Base to Lossiemouth	4-0	
21•7•42	1815	do HD942	F/Sgt Morton	W/T	Lossiemouth to Base	3-30	
22•7•42	1130		W/O Herriot	Passenger & Screen	Base to Marham	-40	
22•7•42	1730		W/O Herriot	W/T	Marham to Base.	-50	
22•7•42	2245	895	P/O MacKenzie	W/T Screen	X-Country & local bombing		6-0
		Summary of Month of	Hours Day	A/C Wellingtons Night			
		July	18hrs – 15m	6hrs – 0.	Signed AB Smith S/L		
		Grand Totals	Day 224h – 8m	Night 304hr – 17m			
					Total Time ...		

1942						528 - 25	
						Time carried forward	
Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times (day) (night)	
August							
3•8•42	1600	W'Ton 942	F/L. Currey	W/T	N.F.T.	30.	
4•8•42	1145	9789	Sgt. Potter.	W/T Screen	Ht. test. 11,000 ft. X Country & local bombing.	7 – 0.	
7•8•42	1100	895	F/L. Berry.	W/T	Loop & Compass.	1 – 0.	
19•8•42	1415	8840	P/O Smith	W/T	N.F.T.	30.	
24•8•42	1505	4223	Sgt Bowen	W/T	N.F.T.	25.	
26•8•42	1340	1799	P/O Smith	W/T Screen	X Country – Route 6 & bombing	4 – 10	
27•8•42	2100	942	P/O Moore	W/T Screen	X Country – ~ do – 56 ~do –		5 – 05
28•8•42	1215	942	Sgt Bowen	W/T Screen	X Country – Aberdeen & return.	7 – 35	
31•8•42	1500	895	P/O Moore	W/T	N.F.T.	30.	
		Summary of	Hours. A/C	Wellington			
		August	Day	Night			
			21 – 40m	5 – 05m.	Signed AB Smith S/L		
		Grand	Day	Night			
		Totals	245 – 48m	309 – 22			
					Total Time ...		

1942						572 – 25	
						Time carried forward	
Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times (day)	(night)
Sept.		W'Ton					
28•9•42	1615	8840	Sgt. Potter	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
28•9•42	1739	1591	F/Lt. Smith	W/T.	N.F.T.	15.	
		Summary of September	Hours. A/C Day	Wellington Night			
			6 – 20m	11 – 40m	Signed AB Smith S/L		
		Grand Totals	Day 252 – 8m	Night 321 – 2m			
October							
10•10•42	1615	936	Sgt. Poley	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
13•10•42	2000	2809	P/O Goodman	W/T Screen	X Country		4•30
14•10•42	2600	2886	P/O Goodman	W/T.	N.F.T.	55	
14•10•42	1445	8840	P/O Smith	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
15•10•42	1145	9789	P/O MacKenzie	W/T Screen	X Country and Local Bombing	5•20	
17•10•42	1130	9683	F/L Smith	W/T.	N.F.T.	20	
19•10•42	1600	9809	P/O Goodman	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
					Total Time ...	260-13	325-32

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	665 – 15m	
						Time carried forward	
						310-8	355-7
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
		Attached to U.S.A.A.F. at					
		Polebrook. 27-4-43 to 9-7-43.					
			15. O.T.U.		Harwell.		
		W'ton					
13•7•43	1810	9804	S/Ldr Whittet	W/T.	N.F.T.	40	
13•7•43	1100	808	P/O P. Wiffen	W/T Screen	X-Country. F/Affiliation & Bombing.	2•15	
20•7•43	1430	808	S/Ldr Whittet	W/T.	Air Test	30	
20•7•43	1520	757	F/L Morris	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
26•7•43	1600	1593	F/O Hobbs	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
27•7•43	1635	3215	W/O MacLennan	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
28•7•43	1010	8850	F/O Hobbs	W/T Screen	X-Country & Bombing	4•05	
29•7•43	1520	8850	S/Ldr Whittet	W/T.	N.F.T.	40	
29•7•43	1620	1377	P/O Evans	W/T.	N.F.T.	40	
30•7•43	1500	3230	P/O Evans	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
30•7•43	1530	8850	F/O Percival	W/T.	N.F.T.	30	
30•7•43	1725	¹²				321•28	355•7
		Total Flying for month:					
				11hrs 20m Day	Signed P? ?attonforrig? F/L.		
		Grand Totals					
				321hrs-28m Day			
				355hrs-7m Night			
					Total Time ...		

¹² Only the date and time are listed for this entry.
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						733.52	
						Times carried forward	
						363.45	370.7
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
21-12-43	1030	Liberator BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Sp. Operator	Maripur – Karachi to Palam – Delhi	4.30	
23-12-43	1045	do	F/Lt Bradley	do.	Palarm to St Thomas Mnt. Madras	6.45	
23-12-43	1015	do	F/Lt Bradley	do.	St Thomas Mnt to Sirigaya ¹⁴ Ceylon	2.30	
						377.30	370.7
Total no of operations (B. Command)				=	47.		
Total no of operational hours.				=	367-25		
Total no of hours for December				=	Day: 38.15. Night: 4.30		
Grand total of hours.				=	Day: 377.30 Night: 370.7		
Total hours in full.					747 hrs. 34m.		
attached to 160 Sqdn C.Command wef. 24.12.43							
Signed G R Bonly ¹⁵ Sldr.							
"C.O" 160 Sqdn.							

¹⁴ This would have been Sigiriya

¹⁵ G.R. Brady was the commanding officer at this time, but the signature seems to have a different spelling.

Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	792 - 52	
						Times carried forward:--	
						390.30	402.22
						Flying Times	
						(day)	(night)
15.2.44	0835	Hudson FH262	F/O Grey	Passenger	Bangalore to Bombay (Santa Cruz)	3.0	
15.2.44	1240	do	F/O Grey	Passenger	Bombay (SA) to Delhi (airport)	3.40	
		Delhi	to Colombo	return by	India National Airways.		
19.2.44	0830	DC. 3.	Capt. Marrilal ¹⁸		Delhi to Bangalore via Bombay	7-10	
20.2.44	0730	DC 3	Capt. Marrilal		Bangalore to Colombo (Ratmalana)	4-30	
25.2.44	1910	Liberator BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Special Operator	Operations:- Nicobar Islands.		10.30
27.2.44	1510	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operations:- Nicobar Islands (severe electrical storms) landed VNA	4.30	9.0
28.2.44	17.10	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	VNA. to Base.	20	
						413.40	421.52
				Total no of operations =	60		
				Total no of op. hours =	428.75		
				Total no of hours for February =	Day: 31.45 Night: 28.30		
				Grand Totals	Day: 413.40 Night: 421.52		
		Signed:	G R Brady W/Cdr.	Signed	J W Bradley F/L		
			O.C. 160 SQDN	"OC" "C" Flight.			
					Total Time		

¹⁸ The name might be Marribal.
F/Lt. Pritchard D.F.C.

