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Anthony Yeulett · 8 months ago

Vic Yeulett was my grandfather. Obviously I never knew him as he was killed in action long before I was born. Neither have I been able to glean much through my parents. All I knew was that he was a rear gunner in a Halifax bomber which collided with another plane. Being the "tail-end Charlie", Vic, of course, would have been the last crew member with any chance to escape. He left behind a wife and two sons, my now deceased uncle Barry and my own father, Neil.

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Lissett158 **Mod** → Anthony Yeulett · 8 months ago

Hello Anthony,

I cannot begin to tell you how delighted and not a little moved I am to have contact from a member of Vic's family. I know much about your Grandfather, and did have contact with certain other crew members - the last survivor of which died only last year - and Al Cox's Sister. Also, I knew Tom and Joyce Rooke VERY well, and it was from them I first heard of 'Vic and Al'. They were inseparable friends and got up to many, many antics together. How Vic and Al's selfless actions have affected me personally I will tell you privately.

Will contact you via email and take this further, if that is OK with you. In the meantime, I thank you most sincerely for making contact.

Kindest Regards,

Mark.

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Geoff Whittle · 2 months ago

Mr Ward. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this publication. It made compelling reading as John Whittle was my father. Thank you so much for writing this.

Geoff Whittle

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Mark Chandler → Geoff Whittle · 2 months ago

Hello Geoff. Many thanks for your interest in the website and your message regarding Peter's manuscript. Peter Ward is, to the best of my knowledge, still with us, although now into his nineties and not in the best of health. I will pass on your comments to his daughter, although I will have to do this via the Daughter of John Bowmer, the Skipper. As you can see by the website, your Father is the only one not shown in any of the photographs, so can I ask if you have one that you could send electronically and then the crew will be complete at last.

Again, my sincere thanks for getting in touch - it really makes it all worthwhile when this happens, and I am delighted to hear from you.

Kindest Regards,

Mark Chandler.

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Barry (Buzz) Hope · 4 months ago

Mark, well done my friend, a very well written in-depth account which I found absorbing to the very end... I feel fully justified in writing those words of congratulations on your web-site. Our generation and generations that follow will never fully understand the horrors of Air warfare, but with your lifetime work and dedication, Bomber Command and its personnel will never be forgotten and will be better understood specially with substantiated work like this ... 'Per Ardua Ad Astra' my dear friend...

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Lissett158 → **Barry (Buzz) Hope** · 4 months ago

Barry old friend.....Such words from someone with your knowledge of and commitment to our common subject –passion even –not only makes the many hours spent researching and writing this piece worthwhile; it is something of a justification. Both you and I know neither of us will ever walk away from our respective vows to never let their memory die. As you say, Barry, 'Per Ardua.....see you in the searchlights'.

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Barry (Buzz) Hope → **Lissett158** · 4 months ago

To add to this piece of incredible work it is important to note certain other facts in relation to this crew. It was a standard crew, each crewmember went through the training in the usual manner, finally going into an aircraft hangar as an individual and emerging as an integral member of a bomber crew! Training was not without its dangers, and with operations 'Lady Luck' played a very important role in their survival.

Listed on the report, the crew of Captain P/O Edward Wallis DFC completed a tour of 29 operation flights. The crew were part of 25537 sorties operated by Bomber Command. From these sorties 1062 (4.16%) aircraft were 'Struck off Charge' either from enemy action or by crashing on return. From these aircraft there were 7011 casualties, 5266 (75.11%) airmen killed, 91 (1.30%) airmen wounded, 1449 (20.67%) airmen became Prisoners of War, 190 (2.71%) airmen evaded capture and 15 (0.21%) airmen became interned in a neutral country.

(It is important to note from returning aircraft that continued in service airmen killed or wounded are not included in the above figure of aircrew casualties.)

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Lissett158 → **Barry (Buzz) Hope** · 4 months ago

Barry - Fantastic statistical analysis of the period covering the Wallis Crew's operational time in Bomber Command.

Sobering numbers..... Thank You.

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Michal Juran · 3 months ago

Hello Mark, how are you? Hope you're OK. I have sent you some e-mails but have no response from you. Did you receive them?
Happy New Year to you and Julie. Kind Regards, Michal

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Allan Main · 5 months ago

Hi Allan - it was good to meet you and have a chat outside the pub at Goathland on Sunday last. Very many thanks for taking the time to have a look at the site, it is much appreciated, as are your very kind comments. I do hope we will meet up again at a future reenactment. Was most impressed with your kit, Yank! Kindest Regards, Mark.

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allan main · 5 months ago

hello mark we met at the pickering weekend i was the raf yank at the pub, great website and nice to know these great old gentlemen have someone like you being their tail end charlie and watching their backs all the best allan main

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