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FORM A.73
(June, 1933)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OBSERVER'S, AIR GUNNER'S, AND
W/T OPERATOR'S
FLYING LOG BOOK

Name

J. R. A. Bush

1933

Instructions

1. This log book is an official document and the property of the Commonwealth Government.
2. Observers, air gunners, and w/t operators will maintain an accurate and detailed record of all flights undertaken on service aircraft.
3. Proficiency assessments will be recorded on the appropriate page at the back of the book annually on 30th June, on posting or on attachment to another unit for flying duties.
4. Bombing and air gunnery records will be entered in the appropriate pages at the back of the book annually on 30th June.
5. Monthly totals will be entered on a single line in red ink and initialed by the commanding officer or his deputy.

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Certificates of Qualification

(to be filled in as appropriate)

- 53 Base Waddington 51843
- A 418704
1. This is to certify that Mc GRATH J. R. / Sgt
has qualified as AIR GUNNER
with effect from 28-4-43 Sgd. S. C. Harding W/Com
Date 28 APR 1943 Wing Commander
Unit CHIEF INSTRUCTOR,
No. 2 BOMBING & GUNNERY SCHOOL
R.A.A.F. PORT PIRIE, S.A.
 2. This is to certify that.....
has qualified as.....
with effect from..... Sgd.....
Date..... Unit.....
 3. This is to certify that.....
has qualified as.....
with effect from..... Sgd.....
Date..... Unit.....
 4. This is to certify that.....
has qualified as.....
with effect from..... Sgd.....
Date..... Unit.....

N.V.C. = 13/32. (THIRTEEN.)
R.A.F. Brighton 15/4/43. VJ Goodman S/P.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
13/8/43	13.30	WELLINGTON BJ 922	Sgt. Gardner	b. b. f.
14/8/43	1500	LN 403	Sgt. Carr	b. b. f.
15/8/43	1340	BJ 922	P/O Ball	A. f.
16/8/43	1230	LN 403	P/O Mathers	b. b. f.
17/8/43	1255	X 3817	Sgt. Robertson	b. b. f.
19/8/43	1025	LN 403	Sgt. Dennis	A. f.
21/8/43	1425	LN 403	Sgt. Dennis	b. b. f.
22/8/43	1445	BJ 990	P/O Heavery	A. f.
23/8/43	1025	BJ 990	P/O Heavery	A. f.
23/8/43	1605	BJ 990	P/O Heavery	A. f.
24/8/43	0710	BJ 825	Sgt. Gardner	b. b. f.
24/8/43	1305	3344	Sgt. Dunn	b. b. f.
24-8-43	1605	BJ 825	Sgt. Dunn	b. b. f.

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward: 11-50	
	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
D.N.C.O.	2-15	
D.C.O.	1-45	
D.C.O.	2-40	
D.C.O.	1-30	
D.C.O.	1-30	
D.C.O.	2-35	
D.C.O.	1-20	
D.N.C.O.	1-10	
D.N.C.O.	1-20	
D.C.O.	40	
D.N.C.O.	1-30	
D.N.C.O.	30	
D.C.O.	1-20	
Total Flying hours at Turweston.	20-05	
Total Flying hours, 31-55		
TOTAL TIME ..	31-55	

Time carried forward: **31-55**

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)		Flying Times	
					Day	Night		
1-9-43		HE 298 Wellington	P/O Small	R. Gunner	17/4 landed Mildenhall	3-40		
2-9-43		HE 298	P/O Small	R. Gunner	Mildenhall - Base	45		
3-9-43		JAH15	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/5	4-10		
3-9-43		HE 204	P/O Dundas	R. Gunner	17/26			2-50
4-9-43		HZ 256	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/21			4-55
8-9-43		HE 277	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/23			4-30
9-9-43		HE 276	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/18 landed Chipping Warden	3-55		
10-9-43		HE 276	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	Chipping Warden - Base	25		
12-9-43		NE 444	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/5 landed Finmere	5-20		
14-9-43		HE 298	F/Sgt. Bone	R. Gunner	Fighter affiliation	50		
16-9-43		HE 991	F/Sgt. Gardener	R. Gunner	Bullseye	3-40		
18-9-43		NL 444	F/Sgt. Gardner	R. Gunner	17/6 Warload	4-15		

SUMMARY - "D" FLIGHT 17 O.T.U.

25th AUG. to SEPT. DAY NIGHT
19-25 19-50

AIRCRAFT TYPES - WELL III & X

E.R. Cooper for. S/LDR. OC. D. FLT.
F/L

SUMMARY FOR PERIOD

13th Aug to SEPT. WELL III & X ~~19-25~~ 19-50

UNIT 17 O.T.U.

R. B. Hillman for. W/CDR.
O.C.T.W. 17 O.T.U.

TOTAL TIME ... 51-50 19-50

O. T. U. GUNNERY COURSE.

Sgt McGrath

COURSE NO.

65.

PERIOD FROM 28.7.43 TO 21.9.43.

PRACTICES

CINE CAMERA					AIR FIRING					
DATE	FEET	ATTACK AIC	ASS	GYRO	AIR TO AIR			AIR TO SEA		
					DATE	ROUNDS	%HITS	DATE	ROUNDS	
14/8	50	MARTINET	Av	-	15/8	500	0	1/9	400	
16/8	"	"	Av	-	19/8	500	.8	3/9	400	
17/8	"	"	Av	-	23/8	500	1.1	12/9	500	
21/8	"	"	Av	-				8/9	300	
24/8	"	"	Av	-						
					TOTAL	1500		TOTAL	1600	
					25 YD. RANGE			2500 YD. RANGE		
					DATE	ROUNDS		DATE	ROUNDS	
						Day	Night		Day	Night
					2/8	200		7/8	200	
					3/8	200		9/8	200	
FIGHTER AFFILIATION					7/8	200		11/8	200	
DATE	FEET	ATTACK AIC	ASS	GYRO	11/8	200		11/8	200	
14/9	50	TOMMYGUN	Av							
					800	Total	800			

NO. GUN CLEANING EX. 4

NO. GUN HARMONISATION EX. 3

NO DAILY INSPECTION EX. 10

GROUND LECTURES COMPLETED ✓

FINAL ASSESSMENT 82.5 %

CERTIFIED CORRECT *J.R. McGrath* A/G.

REMARKS:

P. White
CHIEF GUNNERY INST.

Time carried forward: _____

REMARKS
(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)

Flying Times

Day Night

CERTIFIED THAT

A418704 Sgt. McGrath. J.E. has been instructed on the Wellington Mk. III & X. in the following:-

- (1) Baling out drill.
- (2) Ditching and Dinghy Drill.
- (3) Oxygen Drill.
- (4) Procedure when lost at night.
- (5) S.B.A.
- (6) Fire Drill.
- (7) Petrol & Oil System.

S. Rawl F/O
Training Wing, 17 O.T.U.
R.A.F., Silverstone.

Date 26.9.43.

TOTAL TIME ..

1661 Conversion Unit

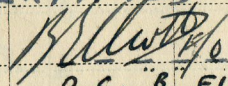
Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
Oct. 30	1000	LANCASTER U	F/Sgt Gardner	R. G.
8.11.43	1000	O	"	"
10.11.43	1000	X	"	"
13.11.43	1000	J	"	"
15.11.43	1000	S	"	"
17.11.43	1000	E	"	"
18.11.43	1400	U	"	"
19.11.43	0900	S	"	"
22.11.43	2300	V	"	"
23.11.43	2000	N	"	"
23.11.43	2200	N	"	"
24.11.43	2000	N	"	"
26.11.43	1730	O	"	"
28.11.43	1530	O	"	"
28.11.43	2359	O	"	"
3.12.43	1805	N	"	"
12.12.43	1025	F	"	"
12.12.43	1500	A	"	"

Winthorpe

Time carried forward:—

21.50 19.50

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
Ex 7 - Air Test	1.15	
"	2.25	
"	3.00	
" 7 & 8	1.35	
" 7, 8 & 9	2.20	
" 10	3.15	
" 11	45	
" 12	3.55	
" 16		1.35
Check Dual		1.30
Ex 17		30
" 18		3.45
" 19 (Landed Riccall)		4.05
Riccall - Base	25	
Ex 20 Bombing		2.35
" 21		5.10
FIGHTER ATTIL.	1.10	
"	1.5.	
TOTAL TIME ..	73.00	39.00

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
SUMMARY FOR 1661 C.U				
FROM 12.10.43				
TO 12.12.43				
CERTIFIED CORRECT				
 S/LDR. SIGNATURE O.C. B FLIGHT. 1661. C.U. R.A.F. WINTHORPE.				


"A" FLIGHT. 463 SQDN

DEC 18		LANC I HK 535	P/O GARDNER	R.G.
19	1700	LANC III HK 535	---	---
26	1000	LANC III EE 191	---	---
26	1700	LANC III ED 772	---	---
29	1100	LANC III EE 191	---	---
29	1700	LANC III EE 191	---	---

SUMMARY FOR DEC 1943

UNIT:- 463 SQDN

DATE:- 1st JAN. 1944

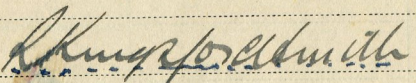
SIGNATURE:-  S/LDR.

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward:-	
	73.00	39.00
	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
TOTAL DAY HOURS	21.10	
" NIGHT "		19.10
GRAND TOTAL	21.10	19.10

WADDINGTON, LINGS.

N.F.T.	1.15	
CROSS COUNTRY		5.00
H.L.B.	50	
CROSS COUNTRY		4.05
N.F.T.	35	
OPS - BERLIN		7.40
TOTAL	2.40	16.45

~~10.00~~ 5/2

 W/COM.

TOTAL TIME .. 75.40 55.45

JANUARY 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
2	2330	LANC III EE 191	P/O GARDNER	R.G.
3	2330	LANC III EE 191	---	---
23	1400	LANC. III EE 191	---	---
27	1730	LANC. III EE 191	---	---
28	2330	LANC III EE 191	---	---
30	1740	LANC. I HK 536	---	---

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1944

UNIT - 463 SQDN 31-1-1944

SIGNATURE - J.R. Frash SGT.

Time carried forward: 75.40 85.45

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
OPS - BERLIN - BOOMERANG.		5.00
OPS - BERLIN 2nd.		7.50
H.L.B.	1.20	
OPS - BERLIN 3rd.		8.35
OPS - BERLIN 4th.		7.43
OPS - BERLIN 5th.		6.15
	1.20	35.23

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S/LDR. DC. A. FLIGHT 463 SQDN

Reling/brewhit w/cdr. O.C. 463 SQDN.

TOTAL TIME .. 77.00 91.05

FEBRUARY 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
4	10.30	LANC. III ME 537	P/O. GARDNER	R.G.
3	10.30	DV 374	---	---
5	10.30	EE 191	---	---
7	10.30	ME 537	---	---
7	1900	EE 191	---	---
9	14.00	DV 374	---	---
11	10.30	ME 537	---	---
11	1900	---	---	---
15	1900	EE 191	---	---
18	10.30	---	---	---
19	1900	---	---	---
20	1900	---	---	---
23	11.00	---	---	---
24	1900	---	---	---
25	1900	---	---	---

SUMMARY FOR FEB 1944

UNIT 463 SQDN 29. 2. 44

SIGNATURE _____

F/S.

Time carried forward: 77.00 91.05

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
DUNHOLME	30	
V.M. TRG.	1.30	
DUNHOLME.	50	
AIR TEST	55	
X.C. H.L.B.		4.00
FIGHTER AFFIL	40	
---	55	
BULLSEYE.		4.50
OPS BERLIN. 6 th .		7.05
N.F.T.	40	
OPS LEIPZIG 7 th		7.30
OPS STUTTGART. 8 th		7.20
FIGHTER AFFIL.	40	
OPS SCHWEINFURT 9 th		8.05
OPS AUGSBURG 10 th		7.50
TOTAL FOR FEB.	6.40	46.40
<p><i>Almond</i> 1/2 for 5/2</p> <p><i>Kingfred</i> with w/com.</p>		
TOTAL TIME ..	83.40	137.45

MARCH 44

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
		LANE III		
14		EE-191	P/O GARDNER	RG
15		EE-191	P/O GARDNER	RG
16		EE-191	P/O GARDNER	RG
17		EE-191	P/O GARDNER	RG
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<p><i>Alwards</i> F/lt. OC of A'FILE</p>				
<p><i>Kingsford Smith</i> M/C CO of 483 SQDN</p>				

Time carried forward:—

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
FIGHTED AFF. 2 WMT.	1.10	
ops. STUTTGART. 11th.		8.00
WYMERWOLD TO BASE	.45	
ops. FRANKFURT. 12th.		—
POSTED MISSING.		
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	1.55	8.00
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TOTAL TIME ..		

1485 *Summary Flights*
Skellingthorpe

ASSESSMENTS

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
18/10/43	1600	<i>Wellington</i> Q	P/O Stephens	R.F.
19/10/43	1040	Q	P/O Dashper	"
20/10/43	1510	U	P/O Oldham	"
21/10/43	1515	L	P/O Graehme	"

REMARKS	Unit	Omdg. Officer's Signature TIME
F.A. <i>straight and level.</i>		0.45
" <i>Diving Turns.</i>		0.50
" <i>orkscrew.</i>		0.50
" <i>orkscrew.</i>		0.55

Total Time Flown. ^{hrs} ^{mins.} 3.20

W. B. ...
 O.C. Flying,
 Group Training Flight.

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