

## **Sq. Ldr. Thomas John Broom D.F.C.\*\***

**22nd January 1914 - 18th May 2010**

**Tom was born here at 2 Rhondda Villas ( later demolished c.1965 ). He attended the Council School across the road and was also a choirboy at St. Peter's Church. Leaving school at 14 he worked at Stoke Road Garage until joining the R.A.F. in May 1932.**

**He trained as an armourer and in 1936 was posted to Sudan before moving to Palestine in 1937 with No. 6 Squadron.**

**Having qualified as a navigator with 105 Sqn., he was sent to France on the outbreak of war in 1939.**

**During 1940 he completed several daring missions over Germany before becoming an instructor then rejoining his squadron in January 1942. Later, flying very low, over the Belgian coast, his Mosquito hit an electric pylon. Fortunately the crew avoided capture and with the help of the Comet escapeline reached Gibraltar via France and Spain.**

**In May 1944, Tom linked up with Ivor Broom thus creating the legendary Flying Brooms. ( 571Sqn. Pathfinders ). They were awarded the D.F.C. twice for bravery for the low level bombing of the Dortmund-Ems Canal and later the Kaiserslautern railway tunnel. In total the**

pair flew 58 missions including 22 to Berlin.

Tom finally flew with 128 and 163 Sqns. and throughout the war completed 83 missions. His 3rd D.F.C. was awarded for sterling qualities of courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

He met his future wife Annemarie ( died in 1963) whilst they both worked for the Control Commission in Germany and they returned to Portishead in 1949.

He was an active member of the Royal British Legion and valued their camaraderie.

Tom was a genuine Posset lad, easily recognised in later years by his pipe, handlebar moustache and cheery smile.

Majin T. E. Robb,  
A Sqn, 2nd Lothians & Border Horse,  
B.N.A.F.

30<sup>th</sup> April 1943.

Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Broom,

I expect that by now you will have received the tragic news of your sons death. I wish to express to you my deepest sympathy in your great loss. It was a terrible shock to me when he was killed, he had been with us a long time and was the friend of all around him.

Perhaps you would care to know something of the circumstances in which

he met his death.

This regiment was taking part in a great attack, when on Easter saturday my squadron was ordered to advance and seize a ridge which had to be taken before the remainder of the regiment could move on.

He was wireless operator in the troop corporals tank and in the advance his troop was leading the squadron. They had almost reached their objective when they came under very heavy anti-tank and artillery fire. All three tanks were hit ~~and~~ brought to a standstill. Unfortunately the shell which knocked out your sons tank also killed



him. His death was however not in vain for this troop, though disabled, by its action destroyed several enemy guns and caused the enemy to disclose his positions making possible the subsequent capture of the ridge.

The loss of your son was a great shock to me, how much greater must it be for you. One can only hope and pray that this terrible war will soon end and that the world will never again be called upon to face such horrors.

Your son has been buried where he fell, on the shores of the Sugar Lake. I am not now permitted to give

The exact position of the grave, but as soon as it is possible full particulars will be sent you.

May I again express my very greatest sympathy and if I can give you any more information or be of assistance to you in any way please do not hesitate to let me know.

T. Robb.

CPR/ 3217 /B

(lying, please quote above No.)

Army Form B. 104—82B.

Royal Armoured Corps Record Office,

Barne t.

11th May 1943 .

Madam,

It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has been received  
the War Office notifying the death of:—

) 7912347 (Rank) Lance Corporal.

ne) BROOM, Robert Henry

giment) 2nd Lothians & Border Yeomanry.

h occurred in the North African Theatre of War.

ne 23rd. April 1943.

report is to the effect that he was Killed in Action.

I am to express the sympathy and regret of the Army Council at  
soldier's death in his Country's service.

I am,

Madam,

Broom,  
mondada Villas,  
Road,  
shead,  
ol.

Your obedient Servant,

*Ch. H. Jones*

Colonel.

Officer in Charge of Records.

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[P.T.O.]

NOTE.

If any articles of private property left by the deceased are found, they will be forwarded to this Office, but some time will probably elapse before their receipt, and when received they cannot be disposed of until authority is received from the War Office. Some delay is therefore inevitable.

Any application regarding the disposal of any such personal effects, or of any amount that may eventually be found to be due to the late soldier's estate, should be addressed to "The Under Secretary of State, War Office (E.S. Effects), London, S.W. 1.

Applications for Death Certificates required for the purpose of claiming similar benefits should be made direct to the War Office (Effects), Blue Coat School, Wavertree, Liverpool. 15.

No. 5/102124 (Effects)



Effects Form 100T

### NOTIFICATION OF DEATH.

CERTIFIED that according to a telegraphic communication received in  
this Department that No 7912344

hance Corporal Robert Henry Brown

Royal Armoured Corps

died at was killed in action

on the Twenty-third (23rd) day of April 1943

While serving in North Africa.

Dated this 18th day of June 1943



Signed M. Jones

The War Office.

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(Rept./639) Wt. 12249 /3301 5M 5/43



23/4/43. Siren 11- P.m.

All Clear soon after?

24/4/43. heavy gunfire cont.  
no Siren 1. a.m.

04/5/43. Siren 11-30 P.m.  
all Clear. 12-13. a.m.

12/5/43. We had news from  
the War office our dear  
Bob has been killed  
in action in North Africa  
Meriel, Tom & Peter  
is home.

14/5/43. Siren 2-30. a.m.  
all Clear 3.10. a.m.

28/5/43. Tom arrived for 9 days

22/7/43 Siren 2-30. am  
All Clear. 3.45: a.m.  
Nothing over here.

30/7/43 Siren - 1-30. a.m. 1/2 hour

31/7. 43. Tom home 48 hrs  
Tom is now 7/0.





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AUSWEIS

LAUFENDENUMMER

AU 959518 \*

KENNBUCHSTABEN DER

ORI

AUSSTELLENDEN BEHÖRDE



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BRUM	
Vornamen	
Anne Marie	
Geburtsort	
Düsseldorf	
Geburtsdatum	Geschlecht
17.10.16	weiblich
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Bad Salzuffen	
Werkstr-Bf 134	
Unterschrift des Inhabers	
Anne Marie Brum	

Stempel der Ausgabebehörde



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**AU 959518 \***

KENNBUCHSTABEN DER



AUSSTELLENDEN BEHÖRDE

## Heiratsurkunde

(Standesamt Bad Salzuflen - - - - - Nr. 71/1948  
 Der Deputy Assistant Commandant Thomas John Broom  
Church of England-, wohnhaft in Bad Salzuflen - -  
 geboren am 22. Januar 1914 - - - - -  
 in Portishead - - - - -  
 (Standesamt Long-shton-Saint George Nr. 354/26/1914), und  
 die Dolmetscherin Anna Maria Haslinger geborene  
Schmidt lutherisch, wohnhaft in Bad Salzuflen - -,  
 geboren am 19. Oktober 1916 - - - - -  
 in Düsseldorf - - - - -  
 (Standesamt Düsseldorf - Mitte - - - - - Nr. 1468/1916)  
 haben am 20. Juli 1948 - - - - -  
 vor dem Standesamt Bad Salzuflen - - - - -  
 die Ehe geschlossen.

Vermerke: - - - - -  
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Bad Salzuflen - - - - -, den 9. September 1948.

Der Standesbeamte  
 in Vertretung

*Trücker*



W. BERTELSMANN VERLAG KG  
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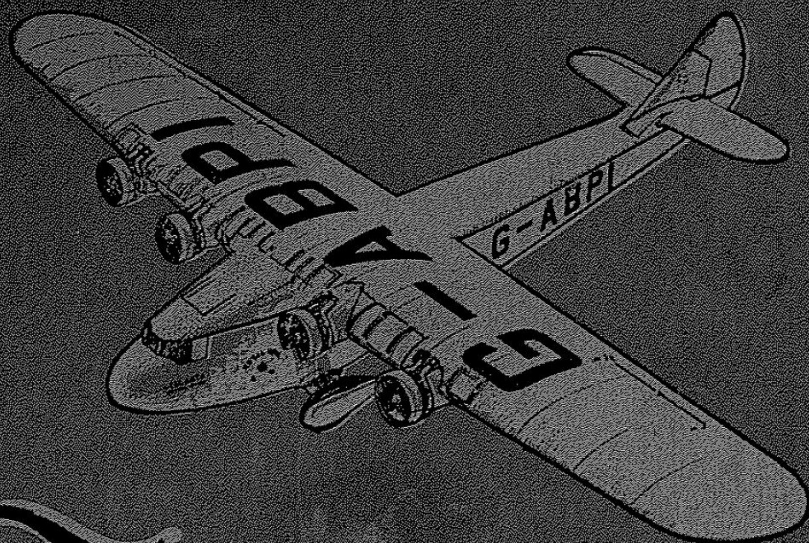


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# Air Mail

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Made in England



1940

1<sup>st</sup> June First. yellow warning 11-35 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> " warning, dropped bombs. on beach. dreadful night.

2<sup>nd</sup> " Air raid warning

2<sup>nd</sup> " " "

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1<sup>st</sup> " " "

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1<sup>st</sup> " " "

1<sup>st</sup> warning, dropped Bombs at. Portbury,

1<sup>st</sup> warning, day night, bombs dropped

1<sup>st</sup> " " " at various places.

1<sup>st</sup> Air Raid, dud shell dropped in nest garden.

1<sup>st</sup> warning day night-

July " " "

" " "

" " "

" " "

" " "

warning 8.15 a.m.

warning. 9.45 a.m. peaceful night

1<sup>st</sup> Yellow 9 a.m. Yellow. 11.45 p.m.

No Sirens. awake to gun fire just before 3 a.m.

Enemy plane just over head.

1<sup>st</sup> Yellow. 9.15 a.m. also. Afternoon & evening

— Quiet during night-



1940

- by 10<sup>th</sup> yellow warning 5-30 a.m. enemy bomber  
over head. also 10-30 a.m.
- by 11<sup>th</sup> no warning during the night; although  
the enemy hovered over. we did not get  
any warning. it is now 6 p.m.
- by 12<sup>th</sup> Siren 1 <sup>a.m.</sup> ~~p.m.~~ lasted until 4 a.m. no  
bomber dropped in this district. heavy bomber  
over head.
- by 13<sup>th</sup> Air raid warning 12:55 <sup>a.m.</sup> ~~p.m.~~ no damage here.  
9 a.m. lasted 1 hour & 1/4  
2 p.m.
- by 14<sup>th</sup> .. .. 1 a.m.  
8.15 a.m.  
11 p.m.
- by 15<sup>th</sup> .. .. 12 a.m. 1 a.m.  
heavy firing & Bomber dropped  
2-10 p.m. also 10-15 a.m.  
4.15 p.m.  
6 a.m.  
4 p.m.  
8 a.m. 11.45 a.m.  
4 p.m. 5.30 p.m.  
Bomber dropped in various places.  
quiet night.

1940

July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Air raid warning.	4.30. p.m.
" 20 <sup>th</sup>	" " "	1. - a.m. until 3 a.m.
" "	" " "	3.30. p.m.
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	" " "	1.15. a.m.
" "	" " "	8.5. a.m.
" "	" " "	9.30. a.m.
	Bombers dropped.	
" "	" " "	3. p.m.
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	" " "	10 - p.m. until 3 p.m.
" 23 <sup>rd</sup>	" " "	12.30. a.m.
" 24 <sup>th</sup>	Quiet night. Warning.	4. p.m.
" 25 <sup>th</sup>	<del>Quiet night no warning</del>	<del>until 2. p.m.</del>
" 26 <sup>th</sup>	" " 2. p.m. also 11.55. until 2.15. a.m.	
" 27 <sup>th</sup>	Continued until 2.15 a.m. 28 <sup>th</sup>	
	Enemy planes over head gun fire.	
	Balloon Barages. Check by lightning	
	very bad thunder storms	
" 28 <sup>th</sup>	" " 12.5. a.m. - 2.55. a.m.	
	Bombers overhead,	
29 <sup>th</sup>	" " 11 - p.m. until 3.35. a.m.	
	Bombers dropped in sea. gun firing.	
" 30 <sup>th</sup>	" " 11-50 p.m. until 2.45. p.m.	



1940

- Aug 31<sup>st</sup>: Air raid warning, from 11.30 p.m. 30<sup>th</sup> 2.15 p.m.  
Bombs dropped.
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> " " 11.35 p.m. - 2 a.m. Aug 1<sup>st</sup>  
No Bombs dropped near here
- 2<sup>nd</sup> " " from 11 p.m until nearly 4 a.m.  
Bombs dropped over Fairhead.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> " " D Air raid:-  
from 10.30 until 1.30 a.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> " " 2.30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bombs dropped near Lee.  
11.15 p.m. until 1.30 a.m.
- " " A very quiet day. also restful night:-  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> to for a quiet day, also quiet night:-  
Yellow warning. planes over head  
during night. no sirens.
- 6<sup>th</sup> " " Nothing happened
- 7<sup>th</sup> " " no sirens. enemy planes over head.
- 8<sup>th</sup> " " from 10.30 p.m until 2 p.m.  
two Bombs dropped.
- " " 4.45 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. 1 dropped.
- " " 10.15 p.m. until 2 a.m. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
bombs dropped Tillon & Kingslon  
Seeymar.
- 9<sup>th</sup> " " 6.40 a.m. 10.30 p.m until  
early hours of morning.

1940

18 bombs dropped in Water & in  
the Channel.

9. 10<sup>th</sup> Bombs dropped in various places during  
early hours of the morning. 11. dropped.

11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 P.M. a very bad night.

Enemy planes over head & Bombs  
dropped Christampton & Beislington.

We had a very bad night. On the 11<sup>th</sup>  
in the shelter for several hours.

9. 12<sup>th</sup> Air Raid Warning 12. 10. P.M.

Warning at 10.30. until 3. a.m. 13<sup>th</sup> aug.

All clear over. They came over again.

28 bombs dropped. air battle in Water  
a very terrific night.

13<sup>th</sup> So far a quiet day. now 2. P.M. Sirens  
at 4.45. P.M. not long. again at 10.30. P.M.

14<sup>th</sup> Bombs dropped. also. 1-a.m. & 4.15. a.m.

Portsmouth Guns in Action.

It is now. 9. P.M. Air raid warning. 5. P.M.

Air battle. A.A. guns in action. over head.

Bombs were dropped. 2 at Werton near the

Sanatorium & at Berron. & at Knightest-

leis, Banwell head quarters.

A very quiet night.

Warning 9.30. a.m. lasting 1 1/2 hours.

A lot of damage done  
at Christampton. I haven't bombed



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Sept-15-Continued.

Air Raid warning 10.30. P.m. lasting until  
nearly 4. a.m. a terrible night raid.

Heavy gun firing right over head.

Bombs dropped in various places.

" 16<sup>th</sup> Short-Air raid warning from 1.45<sup>pm</sup> 2.15<sup>pm</sup>  
.. warning. 10.30. until 3.30. a.m. 17<sup>th</sup>.

A dreadful night: bombs dropped.

Enemy planes overhead bombs dropped  
in all directions.

Sept-17<sup>th</sup>. So far a quiet day. Sirens 10.30. P.m.  
until 3.30. a.m. 18<sup>th</sup> Bombs dropped

Near western station, also White-Bear Hotel

Filton & Bristlington connecting etc. heavy  
gun fire. nearly all night. we were  
all in our shelters & safe, but terrified  
as they came over head. the bombs  
whistling over head.

Sept-18<sup>th</sup> Enemy planes about during the  
day. gun fire in the distance. Sirens.  
at 10.30 P.m. until 2. a.m. Bombs  
over head. but no bombs dropped near  
here.

(1940)

- ep 21<sup>st</sup> Siren 10-30. a.m. not long, again. 8-35: 15,  
p 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-45: a.m. again 2.30. a.m. - also 10-3: a.m.  
Sirens. 11. p.m. until 11-45: p.m. Quiet. After?  
s. 23. Sirens twice during day. Sirens. 9-20. p.m.  
all clear 10-10. again 11-20. all clear 12.45.  
again 1.10. all clear. 2.40 a.m.  
ep 24<sup>th</sup> Sirens 10-10. p.m. 5 air raid warnings  
during the night. last - all clear 6.15 <sup>a.m.</sup> ~~p.m.~~  
ep 25<sup>th</sup> last Siren this morning. 5:45: all clear 6.10.  
Siren. 11-45: a.m. Enemy planes over.  
Some say 100. others say not so many.  
lots of people saw them also saw  
some of them bale out. some landed  
at. Wraswell. in M<sup>r</sup> Briggs place  
at near by. there was a day light  
raid on Hillon several casualties  
not known as yet. how many.  
a bomb from Parkbury exploded  
during the night; a plane was brought  
down there. 2 warnings during  
the day.  
s 26<sup>th</sup> Warnings during day. Siren 8.20.  
until 1.15: again 5: a.m.  
x 7. Warning 11.30. formation of enemy planes over.  
(but broken up.)

today Sep 29<sup>th</sup>



1940

- p 14<sup>th</sup> 3.45 P.m. for 1 hour S. 5.5: Lasting 1 hour.  
15<sup>th</sup> Quiet night after. So far a quiet day now  
6. P.m. Sirens 9-30. to 3-30. a.m.  
Bombs dropped at Pill. Lime Bomb. in Tunnel.  
p. 16<sup>th</sup> Sirens & S. a.m. 9-30. a.m. also 11.5. a.m.  
Quiet since then now. 6. P.m.  
Siren 8.30. P.m. Bombs dropped.  
Nautical School. Redcliffe Bay & Various  
places. Quiet night after 11.30. P.m.  
Bathing Beach.  
p. 17<sup>th</sup> Sirens during the day, also S. 30. P.m.  
Lasting until 1. a.m..  
p. 18<sup>th</sup> Sirens 9.15. a.m. again 10-30. a.m.  
our planes are over. again 2.45. P.m.  
Sirens 8.15. P.m. lasting 12. a.m. again  
12.30. until 3. a.m.  
p. 19<sup>th</sup> Sirens 9-30. a.m. Several times  
during day. Sirens 8.45: until 10.10.  
plane brought down. again. 11.30.  
until 12.45: P.m.  
p. 20<sup>th</sup> Sirens 10. a.m. & during the day.  
now 8.30. P.m. we are waiting all  
ready for the Sirens, "Quiet-night."  
no Sirens

2 a lot has happened another raid  
at. Tom arrived for 14 days. had  
out. plane crashed. Peli home again -  
lot has happened during the week.  
atol raided again. Peli home again  
her. a quiet night. last night: no plane  
at. Tom still home. & is better for his  
at. Dec 6th. a quiet night: Peli home  
relin this morning.  
o seem like a very quiet night:  
not a quiet day & night:  
there has been no bombs dropped any  
near here, plenty of gun fire &  
by all night. alert due to planes.  
ing north  
at day & night. 24th quiet. no warning  
at. day & night. in bed all night. Peli home  
" " " "

Jan. 21-19

1941

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1941.

A quiet day! No sirens.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sirens 6 A.M. until 4-45.  
Sirens 6-45: until 1-30 A.M.  
raid on South Wales.

planes passed this way & back.  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Sirens 6.30 raid on Bristol  
lasting 12 hours. Peter  
home returned early.

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Sirens raid at Abchurch Lane.  
Bombs & J. 8. Chopped.

all over the place. 13 hrs  
raid. planes over all night.  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> quiet day & night.

" 6<sup>th</sup> " " " " "

7<sup>th</sup> " " " " "

8<sup>th</sup> " " " " "

9<sup>th</sup> Sirens 9.30 P.M.

Bombs chopped every where.

Paper Mills on fire. all clear 1-30  
A.M.



Feb. 19. Screen, 4.45 p.m. all clear 12 a.m.  
raid on. South Wales.

Feb 20. " 4.30 p.m. " " 11.45 a.m.  
raid on. South Wales.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Another raid on South  
Wales. no liens. here.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Screen 2.3 p.m.

Great excitement. Enemy plane.  
over head, very low.

Machine gunning power  
station. it was very  
quickly brought down  
by gun fire in flames.

A crew of five. one  
Chaplain was saved.  
The plane came down  
on the water in the mud.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Screen 4-13 p.m.

Wide spread activity Cardiff  
Dother places. all clear. 10.13 p.m.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. 3. Sirens today. 8 planes over

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Sirens at 2-5.6 a.m. again 4-30. &

at 6 a.m. all clear. 7-45; quiet. to

for today. Sirens 7-20 p.m. plane  
over before the Sirens had finished  
5. Bombs dropped in the sea. near  
Battery point. all clear 10-30. Sirens

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> twice during night; nothing to report;

Nov 3. Quiet day & night. weather very bad.

4<sup>th</sup> Quiet day 5. Sirens during night. &

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Early morning last all clear 6.15 a.m.  
nothing to report. only usual Sirens  
no Bombs dropped. Tom. & Peter returned.  
heavy gun fire at times.  
quiet nights. not much doing  
to calla had.

4<sup>th</sup> lovely moonlight. night. Sirens  
7 p.m. until 6.15 a.m.

raid on Conventley, Peter home

2 quiet nights.

14<sup>th</sup>. Sirens. 7 p.m. until 5 a.m.

1/4 have all clear. about 1 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup>-12

Peter home for 4 days.

We have had some bad night. raid on  
Midlands. last night. raid on Bristol.  
very bad damage. Peter 4 days leave returned  
today to Portbury.



Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Sirens but not much to report.

1940 9<sup>th</sup> Sirens. quiet night.

10<sup>th</sup> " 7.40 - 10.5 - 2 a.m. 5.15 a.m. 6.45.

11<sup>th</sup> " 8.40 & 12.13 a.m.

12<sup>th</sup> Not much to report. Sirens during night.

13<sup>th</sup> Sirens 8.15 <sup>P.M.</sup> a.m. 10.5: 11.30. 5.15 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> Sirens & planes over.

15<sup>th</sup> Sirens 4.45 P.M. until 4.45 a.m. a very bad night. bombs dropped & planes over.

bombs dropped all around the District.

Clapton Parkbury Herbury. on the moon.

lots of other places. 15<sup>th</sup> a quiet day & night.

16<sup>th</sup> Sirens each day following

17<sup>th</sup> heavy gun fire no bombs since

18<sup>th</sup> the Sirens are early now.

19<sup>th</sup> & all clear much earlier now.

20<sup>th</sup> Several Sirens during the day now.

Sirens lasted from 8.30 P.M. until.

21<sup>st</sup> 6.30 a.m. heavy gun fire 5 a.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> several Sirens during the day. Peter home

23<sup>rd</sup> a quiet day no Sirens, & a lovely night. no Sirens.

24<sup>th</sup> Sirens 2 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> Bob arrived 9 P.M.

There has been nothing to report. only the usual Sirens & heavy gun fire at times



see Chin  
4/10/41  
10.15 p.m.  
in m  
d. 21/10/41  
Olberton  
ation  
ge.  
ntil 10.20.  
ay,  
un in  
pped  
in over  
fire  
Real 11.40  
1-no jam.

12. 8. 41  
Alert 2.15<sup>p.m.</sup> all clear 2.30<sup>p.m.</sup>  
nothing doing.  
may this be the very end  
of Jerry coming. Yes beaten  
Siem 12.25 a.m.<sup>13/4</sup>  
all clear. 12.45 a.m. J. H. Hony  
Roh & Peli returned 12.8.41.  
Tom home for 4 days. 21.8.41  
Peli home 4 days. Sep. 23<sup>23/9/41</sup>  
returned 30/9/41  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Siem 8.35 p.m.  
All Clear. 9.30 .. ..  
not over this way.  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Siem. 8.40 p.m.  
planes over this way.  
& Bombs dropped in  
places, all Clear 9.30 p.m.  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Tom home 4 days.  
returned 24/10/41  
Peli 24 hrs 8/10/41 from Bridgwater

Planes has passed over this  
 way but no Sien. 24/10/41  
 Sien 8 p.m. All Clear 10.15 p.m.  
 Planes over Portbury guns in  
 Action north West. Raid. 25/10/41  
 Sien 26/10/41. - 8.15 p.m.  
 7 planes dropped in Bristol & Weston.  
 Markham guns in Action  
 no bombs or damage.  
 All Clear. 10.35 p.m.  
 28/10/41 Sien 8.30. until 10.20.  
 planes not. this way,  
 29/ no Sien all our guns in  
 Action mines dropped  
 near Avonmouth.  
 plane brought down over  
 Bridgewater -  
 30<sup>th</sup> Sien no gun fire  
 in East Bristol.  
 31<sup>st</sup> Sien. 8.42. all clear 11.40  
 not much to report - no gun.  
 from East Bristol.

12. 8. 41  
 Alert 2.15<sup>p.m.</sup> all clear 2.30<sup>p.m.</sup>  
 nothing doing.  
 may this be the very end  
 of Jerry coming. No beaten  
 Sien 12.25 a.m. 13/11  
 all clear. 12.45 a.m. *J. H. Perry*  
 Bob & Peter returned 13.8.41.  
 Tom home for 4 days. 21.8.41  
 Peter home 4 days. Sep. 28. 9/41  
 returned 30/9/41  
 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Sien 8.35 p.m.  
 All Clear. 9.30 " "  
 not over this way.  
 Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Sien. 8.40 p.m.  
 Planes over this way.  
 8 bombs dropped in  
 place, all clear 9.30 p.m.  
 Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Tom home 4 days.  
 returned 24/10/41  
 Peter & Bob 24/10/41 from Bridgewater.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Activity in Bristol district.  
Sirens 7.15: all clear 4. a.m.

They also went to Wales. heavy gun fire  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> heavy snow we are hoping  
for a quiet night.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> quiet day & night.

Siren 7.15: all clear 8.10.  
We have had quiet nights &  
days since the last date.  
Weather very bad.

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Sirens lasting 1/2 hour.  
planes over no bombs  
dropped. no activity anywhere.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> quiet & no sirens since.  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Petu home 4 days.

Sirens. mines were dropped  
a big explosion.  
Tom also home for 4 days.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Sirens 2.20 a.m. all clear soon.

" 18 Sirens 1.30 p.m. " " "

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Bob arrived 4 a.m.  
Sirens. 8.10 p.m.

Petu home  
4 days.

All clear 11.45.  
planes passed over this  
way, no gun fire here.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Bob returned 3.30 p.m.

" 23<sup>rd</sup> Sirens 7.45-

all clear. 9.20.  
South west. rain no  
activity in this district -  
no gun fire S West.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Siren 7.15. all clear 8.35-  
p.m.

South west

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Petu home 24 hrs.

returned 9.45 a.m.

Petu arrived 6.40 21/12/41  
P.m. 30/12.41

returned 10.30 a.m. 31/12/41  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 14/1/42



16<sup>th</sup> Sirens 8.30 p.m. heavy raid  
on Bristol bombs & J.S. dropped  
all around this district.  
all clear. 1.30 a.m. Sirens again  
1.45; second attack on Bristol.  
all clear. 4.35 a.m.

Tom home arrived 4.15 p.m.  
not much to report.

20<sup>th</sup> Sirens 9.15 p.m. all C. 1.30  
raid on Plymouth.

21<sup>st</sup> Second raid on Plymouth.

26<sup>th</sup> not much to report.  
a few quiet nights.

29<sup>th</sup> raid on Plymouth  
last night.

Several fires burning all  
night & during the day.  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> widespread

raid on Avonmouth, Bristol  
etc. in the night.

Good luck.

28/3/42. Role returned to Scotland

1/6/42. Peti 24 hrs.

26/42. " " "

24<sup>th</sup> Sirens 1.30 a.m. 2.35 a.m.  
raid on Weston & Bridgwater

28<sup>th</sup> Sirens 2 a.m. 3 a.m.

Very bad raid on Weston

4/4/42. Tom home 9 days.

returned 10/4/42.

Peti home 24 hrs 13/4/42.

24/4/42. Sirens 6.10 a.m.

all clear. 4.45 a.m.  
scattered raid in the west  
(Trowbridge)

29/4/42. Sirens 2.35 a.m.

all clear. 3.40. " "

30/7/42. Sirens 1.25. all clear

Midlands 2.40 a.m.

Peti home 4 days. 4/8/42.

Sirens 2.10 a.m. all clear 3.10 a.m.  
widespread raid.

Pete home 24 hrs 1/10/42.

Oct-4<sup>th</sup> 42 A wire from  
Tom. Paying Arrives in  
London & home soon.

Tom arrived 9/10/42

3 weeks leave.

Pete home 24 hrs 12/10/42

Bob arrived 16/10/42 4 1/2 hrs.

Pete arrived 48 hrs.

" " 24 hrs. 18/10/42

Tom is gone to his new

blatlon 30/10/42.

Tom arrived 6.30 a.m. 4/11/42

returned 11/11/42

Bob arrived 6/11/42.

returned 12/11/42. 12 hrs Extension

to see Pete who arrived for

4 days. 12.11.42. Pete 24 hrs.

26/11/42.  
Gives 30/11/42 1. p.m. 130.



25/4/42.

Siem 10.45 pm  
all clear 12.15 a.m.  
3.15 a.m.  
again 4.30 a.m.  
all clear 6 a.m.

Raid on Balch.

Bombs dropped all over  
the place. Burtel etc.

25/4/42.

raid on Balch.

Mines dropped in  
Burtel all clear 2.45.

6/5/42. Tom arrived 12 days a.m.

9/6/42 Peli arrived 4 days

Peli 13/5/42

Tom returned 14/5/42

Bob arrived 9 days. 20/5/42,  
from Scotland

travelling 16 hrs. Peli 24 hrs 22/5/42

Siem 23/5/42. 4.15 pm. all clear 5-30

" 23/5/42 5-30 " all clear 5-45

4/1/42 Peli home 48 hrs.  
14/1/42 Tom home. 12 days.

A letter from Bob 1/2/42  
he is gone overseas.  
Tom & Peli will be  
here for 10 days.

Bob's letter from 1/2/42  
Cust. by PB on 12/2/42  
Sailed 13/2/42

August 26<sup>th</sup> 1942

Laddey we have received  
a telegram saying Tom  
is missing. the result of  
Air operations. Bob & Peter  
is home.

Peter returned

Bob returned Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 42.

28/8/42 Sun 9.30 a.m.

bombs dropped in North Sea  
5 bombs hit - lot of casualties.

Sun 8.30, 9.45, 12 m.

5/9/42, Sun 4.15-12 m. 6/9/42

Peter home 24 hrs 9/9/42

Bob 42 hrs 13/9/42.

Sep 4 23<sup>rd</sup> News from Tom. is  
safe & well. at Gibraltar.

24<sup>th</sup> Cable Official news.

That Tom is safe at  
Gibraltar.



16-14<sup>th</sup>

Siem 1.20 a.m.

all clear 3.20 a.m.

Bombs dropped at

Hailsea some killed

houses damaged,

June 27<sup>th</sup> Siem 1.30 a.m.

all clear 3.15 a.m.

Planes passed a distance  
away from here.

June 31<sup>st</sup> Siem 1.35 a.m.

all clear 3.30 a.m.

Bomb dropped in

Bristol 2 killed

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Siem 1.45:

Planes passed over.

" 12<sup>th</sup> Siem 6.15 p.m.

plane over, Bombs

dropped at Yale?

all clear 4 p.m.

Gloster

Tom is now 20/0.

Pete home 4 days 4/2/42.

Weather very cold & snow rain.

Prof. Rob in S. Wales. 10 days

Tom returned to Norwich.

Pete returned Dorset 11/2/42.

Pete 48 hrs 5/3/42.

Rob arrived for 9 days 4/3/42

NO DAMAGE OR  
CASUALTIES

Two bombs which fell in the  
West Country last night caused  
neither damage nor casualties, it  
was officially stated today.

2/7/17/4

2/4/42.

lane over Friday

10.30 but no Siem. 2/4/42

p.m.

4.30 p.m Siem 4/4/42.

all clear 6.15 p.m.

5/4/42 Siem 5.45 p.m

All clear 5.45:

18/4/42 Siem 3 a.m.

all clear 3.15 a.m.

Bombs were dropped  
at Warrmouth.

18/4/42. Siem 3 a.m - 3.15 a.m  
making to up and.

16/4/42  
His 21st Bdr 14/4/42

May 14<sup>th</sup>. There has been no raid  
on Portland or Bristol  
We have had a few quiet-  
nights. Planes have passed  
over & dropped bombs  
some in Bristol & Pill.

Bob & Petie has had 4 days.  
The Sun at 12-30 until  
5: a.m. making 6 p.p. 2 hrs.  
We have had quiet days &  
nights: on the 22<sup>nd</sup> no enemy  
planes any where over Britain.  
It is now the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Liens 12-30 a.m.  
all clear 1-30 .. ..

Liens 2 a.m. planes  
over on their way back.

all clear 4-a.m.

South & East Coast.

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Liens 12-30-a.m.

all clear 4-30 a.m.

Planes were over & bombs dropped

at Clapton, Cheshampton &  
Bristol & Westbury. very  
heavy gunfire,  
Petie home 4:30 p.m.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Petie first returned 10 a.m.  
We have had a quiet night.

June 12<sup>th</sup> Liens 1-3:5 a.m.

all clear 4:15 a.m.

planes passed over this way  
no gunfire

Tom has had 4 days leave  
return 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bombs were dropped in  
the Beemster district.  
A lot of casualties & houses  
destroyed

June 13<sup>th</sup> Liens during  
the day. bombs  
dropped in Bristol near  
General Hospital.



Jan 10<sup>th</sup> quiet night & day.

11<sup>th</sup> " " " "

12<sup>th</sup> planes over. before the  
sirens, all clear early.

13<sup>th</sup> no sirens but planes  
over. heavy gun fire.  
until 12.15 a.m. Chill  
no sirens

14<sup>th</sup> quiet day & night

15<sup>th</sup> " " " "

16<sup>th</sup> Siren 7-15: all clear 6 a.m.

Bombard attacked the first part  
of night; they returned at 2 a.m.  
& went to Avonmouth. huge fires  
started the planes & bombs over  
this way was terrible we had to  
cush to our shelter & lay flat.  
we all got in one shelter after & we  
sang hymns to drown the noise of  
planes & bombs. we came back 6.9 m

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1943.

Today we have received  
an Air Mail to say Bob  
had safely landed at  
his destination.

Peter home for 24 hrs.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Peter has been  
confirmed today.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom arrived  
yesterday morning 6.15 a.m.  
for 9 days. a letter  
from Bob written on  
Domas Day. he is well.

Muriel has been for an  
interview. no vacancies  
in the W.A.A.F at present;  
23/1/43. Peter arrived 48 hrs.  
returned 25/1/43.  
27/1/43. Siren 8-20 a.m. - 9-5-  
29/1/43. Tom returned today.

March 10/3/43.

Muriel has gone to Bristol  
for training left home  
on the 1-45 bus.

11/3/43 Muriel home for a  
few hours.

13/3/43 Home 4-15 P.m.  
returned 13/3/43.

20/3/43 Muriel home until  
Monday

24/3/43 Muriel home 4:15 P.m.  
return 6 a.m. Monday.

31/3/43 home for a few hrs.

3/4/43 Muriel home.  
returned 5/4/43.

10/4/43 Muriel home.  
returned 12/4/43.

14/4/43 Muriel & Emily arrived  
4-15: returned 18/4/43.  
6.15 P.m.

23/4/43 Muriel arrived until  
returned.  
3/5/43 better  
24/4/43 Home on  
sick leave

Feb 16

Sirens 10-25 P.m.

All Clear. 11-5 P.m.

Raid South Wales.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Petri home 4 days.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Sirens 9-3-5 P.m.  
All Clear. 10-40.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Sirens 3-40 P.m.  
All Clear soon after.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Petri returned.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Sirens 12.45 - 1/2 hour.

22/3/43 Petri home 24 hrs.

24/3/43 Tom has arrived  
for 9 days. he is  
now Pilot-Officer.

30/3/43 Petri home 24 hrs.

1/4/43 Tom returned today.

4/4/43 Sirens 12. a.m.  
All Clear soon after.

12/4/43 Tom arrived 2-30 P.m.  
returned 13/4/43. 1-15  
P.m.

19/4/43 Petri arrived 48 hrs.  
24/4/43 Sirens 12.45



Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Tom home 48 hrs.  
 Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Peti. 12 hrs. 9 days  
 6/3/44 Peti 24 hrs.  
 11/3/44 Tom 9 days 7/44  
 19/3/44 Peti 24 hrs.  
 27/3/44 Siren 11-45 P.M.  
 all clear 2. A.M.  
 8/4/44 Tom home 48 hrs.  
 23/4/44 Siren 12-45-1-30.  
 nothing over this way  
 14/5/44 Siren 2. A.M.  
 all clear 3. A.M.  
 wide spread.  
 Tom home 9 days 2/5/44  
 Peti 24 hrs.  
 " " " 18/5/44  
 Peti 24 hrs 26/6/44  
 Tom 9 days 2/7/44  
 Peti 24 hrs. 6/7/44

~~11/8/43~~ Tom is now 7/6  
 23/8/43. Peti arrived 4 days.  
 28/8/43 Tom arrived 9 days.  
 10/9/43. Tom 48 hours.  
 9/10/43 Peti arrived 48 hrs.  
 22/10/43. Siren 4. 45. P.M.  
 all clear 8. 15. P.M.  
 1/11/43. Tom arrived 9 days.  
 18/11/43 Peti arrived 4 days.  
 4/12/43 Tom " ~~9~~  
 48 hrs.  
 Peti. 24 hours.  
 Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1944 Tom arrived  
 9 days.  
 Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Siren 9-20 P.M.  
 all clear 10-20. " "  
 Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Siren 5-20. A.M.  
 all clear 6. A.M.

April 2nd/43.

Tom arrived 4 days.  
returned 9th 43-

Pete home 14 days

returned 4th 43. 8 of 2

Tom arrived 4 days

return 24/4/43

VE Day. May. 8th 1943-

18/5/43: Pete 48 hours.  
Arrived 4.43: a.m.

June 4th 43-

Tom arrived 12 days

28/6/43: Pete Arrived 10 days.

Pete arrived 16/9/43: return

26/9/43: Tom arrived 8-30 p.m.

End of Operations 26/9/43-

3/8/44. Pete home for  
Holiday 10 days

21/8/44 Tom home for 4 days.

23/8/44. Wife to say Tom has  
been awarded D.F.C.

28/8/44. Pete 48 hrs.

9/9/44. Pete home 9 days.

26/9/44. Pete has moved to.  
Essex.

1/10/44 Tom home 4 days.  
Still on ops.

19/11/44 Tom home 4 days.  
Still on ops.

11/12/44 Pete home 4 days.

13/12/44 Tom home 4 days.

Jan 4th 45. Pete has gone to Yorkshire  
training for Infantry.

3/1/45: Tom home 4 days.

Feb 24th 45. Tom has been awarded

now Sgt-Lt Bar to D.F.C.

Announced in evening  
Post-

Awarded 2nd Bar to D.F.C.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Heavy attack on Cardiff  
we felt it over this way.  
it lasted from early evening  
until 1. a.m..

March 6<sup>th</sup> Sirens 1.30. a.m. all clear 1.45.  
" " 4.15. P.m. all clear 4.30.

" 11<sup>th</sup> Sirens 4.30. until 12.10 a.m.  
Wide spread raid.

12. Sirens 8.15. P.m. all clear 12.30 a.m.  
raid on Marseilles planes  
over this way..

13<sup>th</sup> Sirens 4.45. P.m. - 3.0. a.m.  
Wide spread raid. Bombs  
dropped on Avonmouth.

planes passed over this area.  
lovely moonlight. night for them

14<sup>th</sup> Sirens 8.30. P.m. all clear 2.30. a.m.  
planes passed this way. to a fro  
to the Clyde. lovely night.

15<sup>th</sup> Very Choll. warning holding to  
repair.

on Bristol, lasting 5 hours.  
planes over. & bombs dropped  
everywhere direct hit on  
Channel View. one killed  
bombs in high West-Rectory  
& Clarence house.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Sirens 10-10.

lasting 6 hrs. wide spread.  
planes passing over. but nothing  
dropped. a lovely day 17<sup>th</sup>.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sirens 10.5. P.m.  
mines dropped at  
Bristol. for a quiet  
time.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Torn arrived for 4 days.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sirens 9.45. p.m.  
all clear. about 5. A.m.  
Clock put on. one hour.  
no activity here but planes  
passed over. this way.



about 4:15 to  
Raided on the  
dropped many bombs  
Surrey, Wilt. Fairly heavy  
wind blowing from E. some  
clouds in the morning  
and afternoon E. wind  
5:12 6:12

7:14 Raid on 8-50 pm all over

4-20-41 on 8:40, 8:45

Raid on 8:45

8:14 Raid on 9:5, all over

" 10:14, all over

Raid on 10:14, all over

Another raid on Coventry &  
Birmingham planes over  
the greater part of the night.  
April 12<sup>th</sup> we had raid on

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Another raid on Coventry &  
Birmingham planes over  
the greater part of the night-  
April 12<sup>th</sup>. We had said on