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F/O Arnold D. Smith was an RCAF pilot who flew Wellingtons and Halifaxes with 192 Squadron RAF -the first to fly operations with 100 Group of Bomber Command. As you will read, they specialized in 'Electronic Gathering' and during bombing raids would provide 'counter-measures' against enemy radar systems' amongst other things.

The first page of his album is an August 1941 newspaper clipping showing the photos of twenty-four Toronto-area graduates of 4 Bombing and Gunnery School at Fingal, Ontario. F/O Smith has noted the fate of each airman. Only six survived the war.

F/O Smith tells of the Luftwaffe's 'Operation Giesella' during which some two hundred of their night-fighters followed the bomber force back to England, where they shot down twenty Bomber Command aircraft as they prepared to land -at a loss of only three Luftwaffe Ju88's.

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Boys from Toronto, Ontario and other parts of the Dominion, Americans and New Zealanders made up the large class of wireless

air gunners and observers who received their wings today at the bombing and gunnery school. Eighteen were from Toronto. Ontario was represented by 40 young men in the air fighters.

**192 Squadron was the first fully operational Radar/Radio Counter Measures, Electronic Gathering Squadron. They were formed from 1473 and 1474 Special Duty flights in January 1943.**

**They were also the the first Squadron to fly operations with 100 Group when it was formed in Bomber Command in late 1943. Prior to this they flew with 3 Group. 1473 and 1474 Flights flew Special Duty Radar Counter Measures, Electronic Gathering Operations under directions of the Whiz Kids (Such as Barnes Wallis) in 1942. They flew Wellingtons Mk. 3's and 10's. At this time the Jamming Role was done by regular Bomber Command Squadrons. When Squadrons were sent to 100 Group to Specialize in the Jamming Role. 192 Squadron main job was Electronic Gathering. They later became involved in Spoof raids when main targets were selected as spoof targets, ie: Munich Spoof target, Leipzig main target. We would carry TI's, Small Bomb load of incendiary and H.E. and lots of extra fuel. 192 Squadron's main role was in the main bomber stream, we carried small bomb loads and extra fuel as at times we had to orbit the target area to pick up Gerry Radar and Wireless frequencies and transmit them to the Jamming Squadrons.**

**- 192 Sqn. Organization 1944**

**"A" Flight: Flew Wellingtons Mk 10ths, converted to Mk 3 Halifaxes end of January 1945. Flew Special Duty radar/ radio countermeasures, electronic gathering role. Mainly flew off enemy coast, North Sea and North Atlantic Patrols, they also flew off Spanish Coast when it was suspected that Spanish were giving Gerry Subs Radio and Electronic assistance.**

**"B" Flight flew Mk 3 Halifaxes in roles mentioned above, they had some Mk 6 and Mk. 7 Halifaxes in 1945.**

**"C" Flight Flew Mk 4 Mosquitoes in the Radar/Radio Countermeasures role' they flew with main force usually with the Night Light Striking Force.**

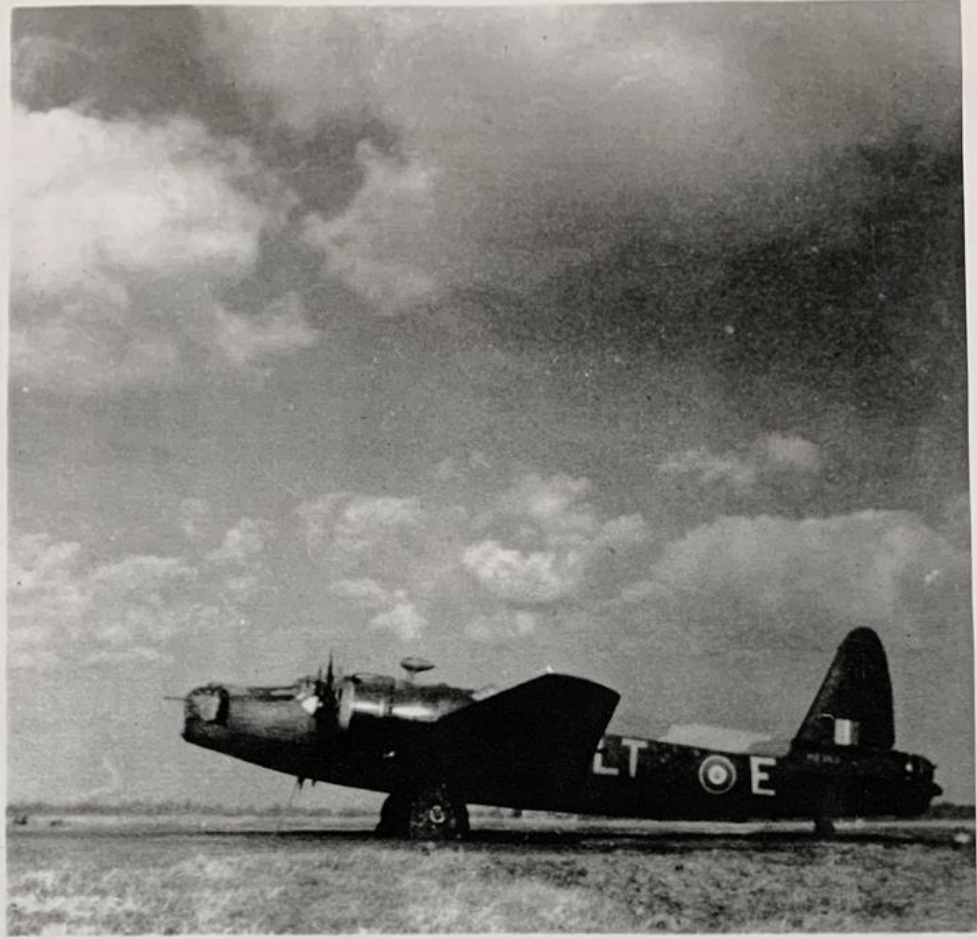
**There were also two P-38 Lightnings attached to 192 Sqn**



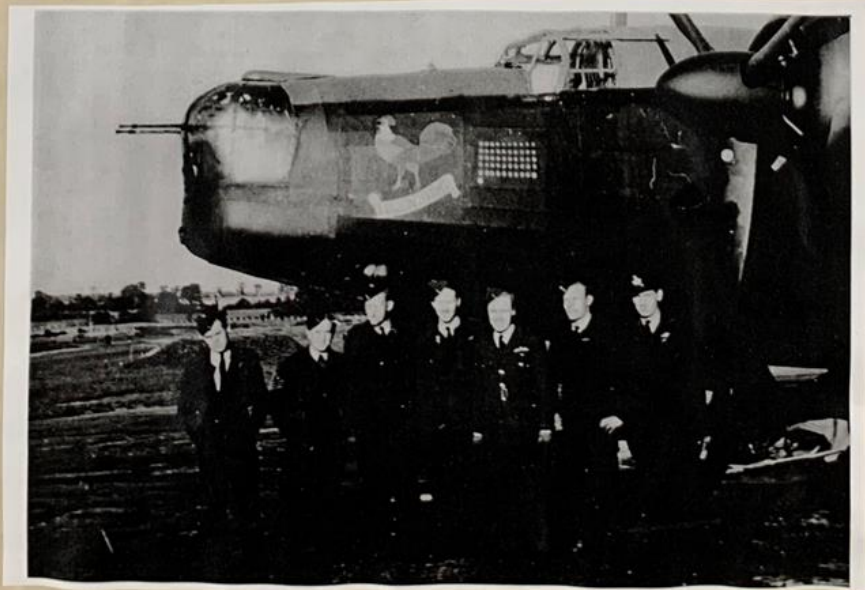
Wimp. and Hurricane, fighter affil flight # 20 O.T.U. Lossiemouth Scotland.



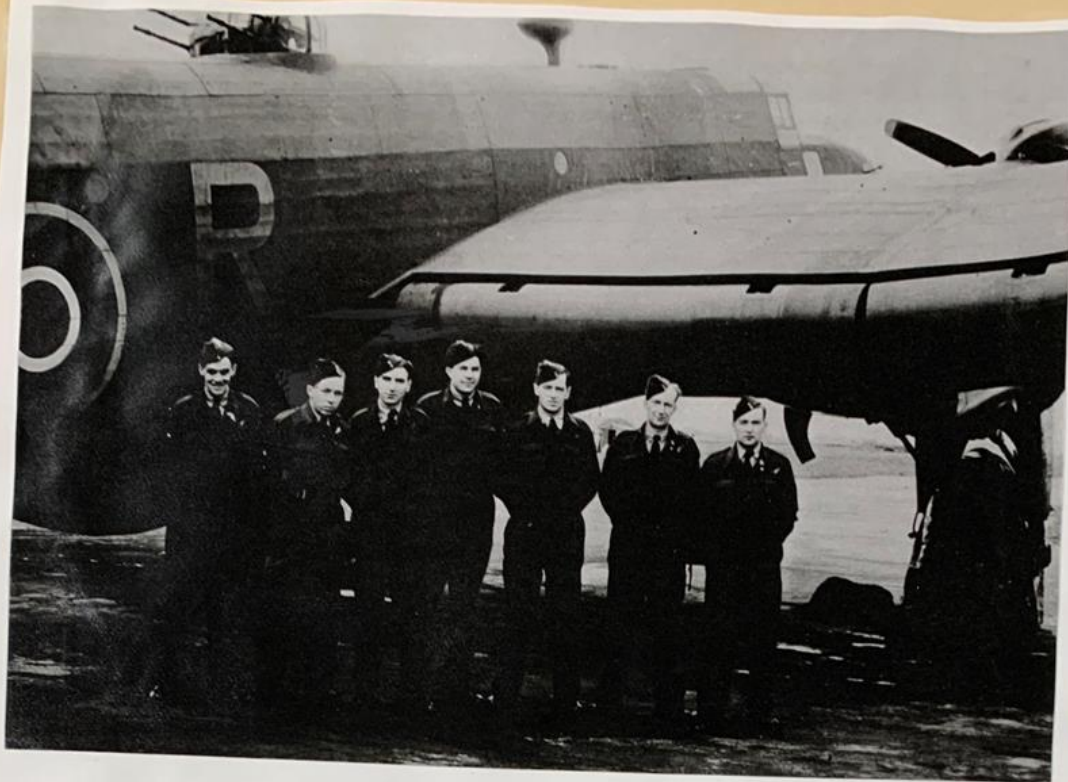
F/O Roberts and crew with some groundcrew 192 Sqn  
(F/O Roberts was one of two Canadians in RAF crew.)



Wellington Mk. 3 # 20 O.T.U. Lossiemouth Scotland



"A" Flight Wimpy and Crew 192 Sqn.



Dick Smith and crew, "B" Flight 192 Sqn. Brand New PO, gave up his WO. Was only officer in crew when we completed our tour. (He was an F/O a few days later).



Dick Smith and crew just before trip to "Chemnitz" (8th man is Special Radar/Radio Operator). We also had spare F.E in fact he was Jock Henderson Charlie Yule's F.E.



**Rear Gunner "Nitefast 'R' Roger"  
(Bernie just turned 19 and got a new  
Seat Pack as a present)**



**Left to Right: Jack Martin B/A Squamish BC (Nav's brother), Johnny Matulack  
Mid-Upper, Regina Sask., Ed. Moran Nav., Toronto Ontario, Bernie McNicholl  
Rear Gunner Montreal Que in front of No 1 Maple Leaf Club, Vauxhall Bridge  
Road, London. We had just picked up our OP Wings at RCAF Headquarters. Point  
of Interest: Dick Smith Pilot was from Centreville N.B. Reg Bastow Wireless OP was  
from Middleton Junction Nr. Manchester and the Jock Young F.E. was from  
Stranrare Scotland.**



462 Sqn Halifax on Joining 192 Sqn at RAF Station Foulsham. 192 Sqn was a big crowded Sqn. so we had to put some 462 (RAAF) Sqn Hallies on the Grass, 462 Sqn was given the RADAR JAMMING ROLE. On one of their early Diversionary Spoof Raids on the RHUR VALLEY 24/25 Feb 45 they lost four Halifaxes probably by fighters they drew off the Main Force. 462 Sqn. had Canadian German speaking special wireless operators who worked the jamming equipment.



"P" Peter "B" Flight 192 Squadron, original crew was an Aussie one. A lucky kite so following crews maintained Kangaroo Symbol for Ops. Here with "B" Flight Groundcrew and Squadron Mascots.

**3/4 March 1945.: Operation Giesella:**

The Luftwaffe mounted their "Operation Giesella" on this night. they sent approximately 200 night fighters to follow the bomber forces to England. This move took the British defences partly by surprise . It took 192 Sqn totally by surprise as our base RAF Foulsham was just off the Wash pretty close to the coast. The Germans shot down 20 bombers. 8 Halifaxes from 4 Group, 2 Lancasters of 5 Group, 3 Halifaxes, 1 fortress (214 Sqn) and 1 Mosquitoe of 100 Group. They also shot down 3 Lancasters and 2 Halifaxes from the heavy conversion Units. The Gerries lost 3 JU 88s.



What is left of the front section of F/O Roberts Halifax after being shot down while making final approach to land at RAF Foulsham. On the night of 3/4 March 1945, JU 88 got Robby on approach, he then dropped butterfly bombs across the wreckage, there were no survivors. We also lost a mossy.



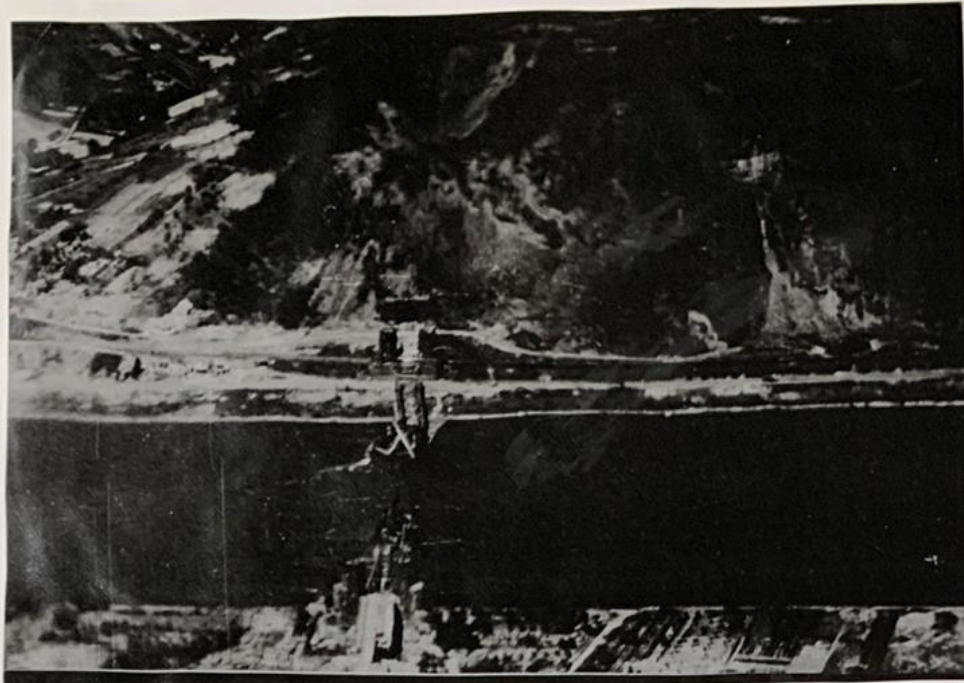
**Tail Section**



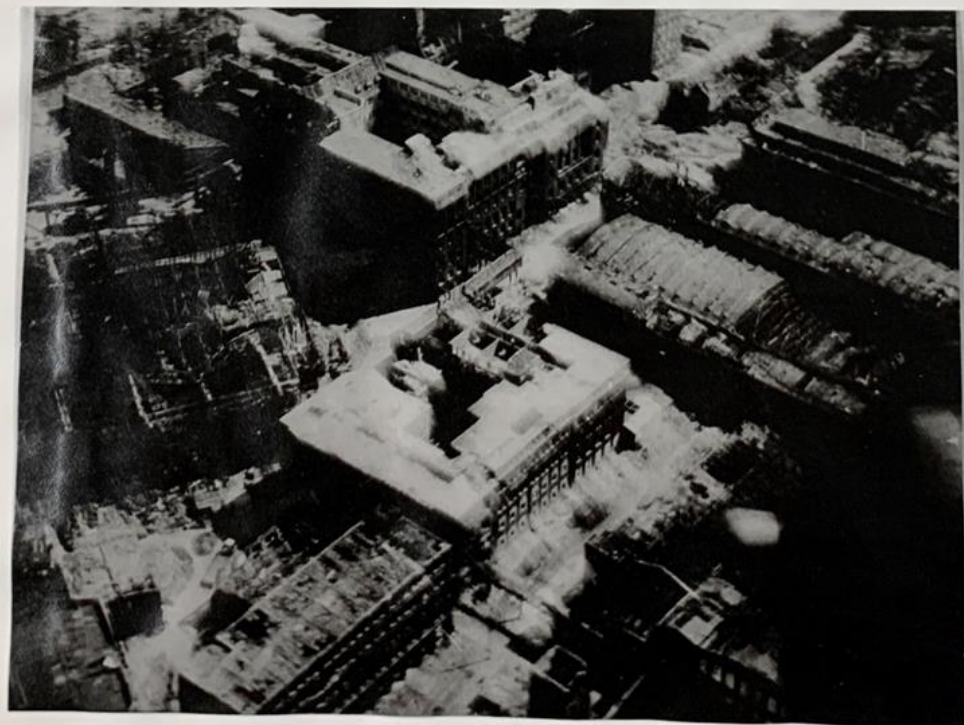
**Close up of Rear/of what is left of rear of Hally and  
remains of Tail Assembly.**



**Where the Rear Turret should be**



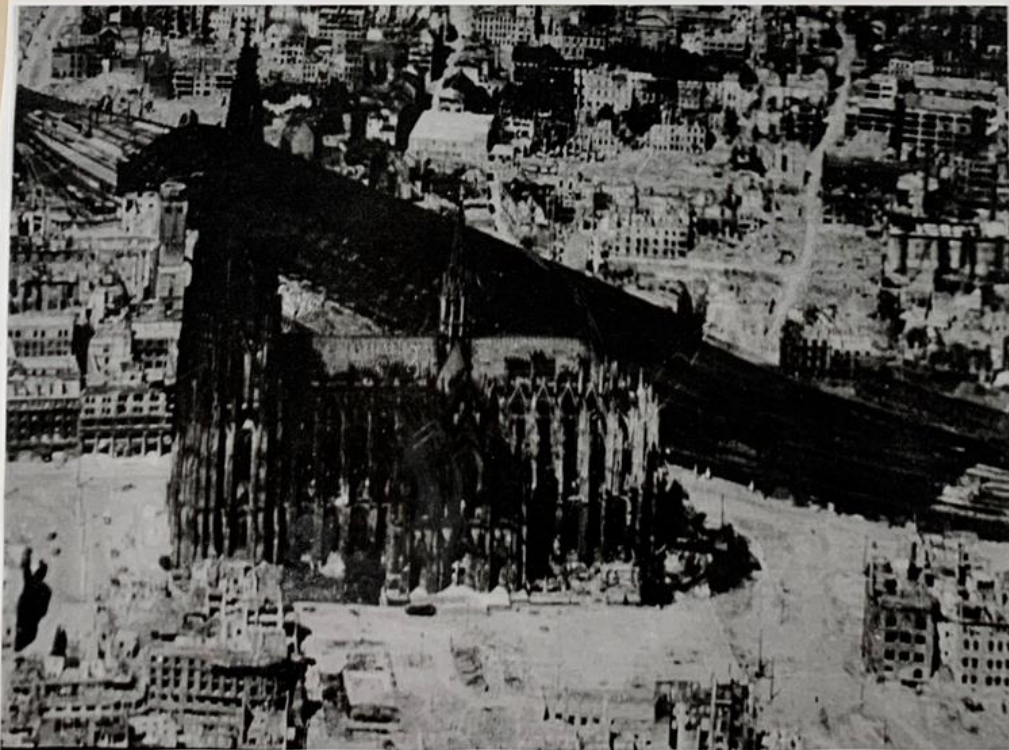
**Ramagen Bridge, first Rhine crossing by Allies Spring 1945  
192 Sqn photo from Halifax flown by Dick Smith**



**Bomb Results Essen, Ruhr Valley, photo  
from 192 Sqn Halifax (Pilot Dick Smith)**



**Cologne Spring 1945, 192 Sqn Photo  
Taken from Halifax. (Pilot Dick Smith)**



**Cologne Cathedral, Spring 1945, Photo Taken  
from 192 Squadron Halifax flown by F/O Dick Smith**