

# ***THE RAF REGIMENT IN THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY AND ITALY 1942-1946***

This material will be used in the preparation of further volumes of the history of the RAF Regiment in the Second World War. An important aspect of gathering material for a book of this kind is to obtain personal accounts from those who actually served in the Regiment during these campaigns. Historical documents such as the Operations Record Book (Form 540) and official reports will be used to provide a solid structure to the book, however, personal stories and views of those involved on the ground provide a further and vital dimension.

Please answer as many of these questions as possible. Any small amount of information whether serious, humorous or mundane will be gratefully received. Do not hesitate to use extra paper if necessary.

## **1. DETAILS**

### **a. Name & Contact Details**

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### **b. Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

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### **c. Why did you join the RAF Regiment?**

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### **d. Period of service in RAF Regiment**

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### **e. Ranks and positions held**

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### **f. Where did you do your training -: Depot/ OCTU? Any stories about training?**

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2. IN WHICH CAMPAIGNS DID YOU SERVE (tick the box or boxes)?

- United Kingdom: Home Defence 1940-1945
- D-Day: North-West Europe and the Occupation 1944-1946
- Middle East: Desert Air Force 1940-1943
- North Africa: Algeria–Tunisia Nov 1942-May 1943
- Operation Accolade: Cos Sept 1943
- Palestine 1942-46
- Sicily 1943
- Italy 1943-45 (& Austria 1945-1946)
- Yugoslavia 1944-45       Operation Dragoon: Invasion of Southern France Aug 1944
- Greece 1944-1945       other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. SQUADRON/FLIGHT

a. In which flights/squadrons did you serve, with approximate dates? Indicate whether Field, LAA or Armoured Car Squadron.

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b. Were there any particular idiosyncrasies of your Squadron?

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c. What sort of training was carried out in your Squadron?

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d. Was it a good unit to serve in? Was there a good *esprit de corps*?

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e. Can you describe some of the officers or airmen or 'characters' in your Squadron/Flight?

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f. Do you have any stories of what life was like in your Flight/Squadron?

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g. Can you provide a description of your daily routine on operations?

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h. Were there other Squadrons with which you had a strong operational association?

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4. ARMoured VEHICLES (ARMoured CAR SQUADRONS or AFV FLIGHTS of FIELD SQUADRONS)

a. Which Armoured Fighting Vehicles did you use (tick the box or boxes)?

Morris Light Recce Car    Humber Light Recce Car    other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

b. What was your opinion of the vehicle?

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5. LAA WEAPONS (LAA SQUADRONS OR AA FLIGHTS)

a. Which LAA weapons were used?

Lewis 0.303-in       Vickers K       Bren LMG    Browning 0.303-in/0.5-in  
 Hispano 20-mm       Bofors 40-mm       Breda 20-mm       other (specify)

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