

Flt. Lt. H.C. Bennett

JOINED 3 SEPT 1935

1st FLT 1937  
1 SQN CRAWELL @/W SCHOOL. FLYING CLASSROOM FOR W/PS VICKER VALENCIA  
2(LAC) SQDN, HAWKING WOP/AG HAWKER FUDAX  
AND HAWKER HECTOR

APRIL 1938 POSTED OVERSEAS TO H.Q. HABBANIYA IRAQ

SEPT 1938 " H.Q. TRANSJORDAN AMMAN

ONE MONTH WITH ARMoured CARS (ALLENBURY BRIDGE)

FEB 1939 POSTED 33 SQDN LYDDA PALESTINE

APRIL 1939 POSTED 6 SQDN RAMHEH FLYING DUTIES HAWKER HARDY'S

MARCH 1940 RE-EQUIPED WITH LYSANDERS

3 NOV 1941 POSTED TO TACKORADI FERRY POOL (GOLD COAST) AFRICA  
TO START ABOVE-FERRYING A/C ACROSS AFRICA TO  
CAIRO FOR WESTERN DESERT.

ONE BLENHEIM ESCORTING 6 HURRICANE'S OR SPITFIRE'S  
OR ONE GREEN MARTIN HAWKLAND. 6 TOMAHAWKS. RETURNED  
FROM CAIRO TO GOLD COAST IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING A/C  
BOMBAY-SUNDERLAND-FLYING BOAT, LOCKHEED LOADSTAR OR DH 86.

NOV 19 1941 POSTED UK.

APRIL 42 12 OTC CHIPPING NORTON. TO PICK UP CREW

MAY 42 POSTED 214 SQDN STRADSHAM (STERLING'S)

27/8/42 VOLUNTEER FOR PATHFINDERS POSTED 7 SQDN OAKINGTON

15/4/43 FOUNDER MEMBER PATHFINDER NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING UNIT  
UPWOOD

MAY 1944 RETURNED TO 7 SQDN FOR 3RD TOUR WITH S/LDR BAKER

18/8/44 END OF 3RD TOUR

9/11/44 POSTED TO 635 SQDN DOWNHAM MARKET AS SIGNALS LEADER

25/4/45 LAST TRIP OF WAR. MASTER BOMBER (PILOT W/CDR FORE DAN)  
TO HITLERS SS BARRACKS AT BERCHES GARDEN.

16/3/46 POSTED TO TRANSPORT COMMAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

28/5/46 LAST FLIGHT IN R.A.F. RESIGNED COMMISSION

F/LT J. H. STICKELL DSO. D.F.C.

TRANSFERRED TO UNITED STATES NAVY  
AIR CORPS. AFTER PATHFINDER TOURS

VOLUNTEERED FOR PATHFINDER DUTIES ON 27/8/42  
POSTED TO 7 SQDN OAKINGTON FROM 24<sup>th</sup> SQDN STRADDISHAW

CREW F/LT STICKELL PILOT  
F/O SHAPIRO NAV  
F/SGT BENNETT W/O P A/G  
A/SGT NESS B. AIMER  
F/SGT TEMPLE MID UPPER GUNNER  
F/SGT HARRIS REAR GUNNER.

ONE OF THE FIRST CREW TO BE AWARDED P.F.F. BADGE  
CHECK WITH HAMIS !. SEE IF HE  
REMEMBERS THE W/O P H. BENNETT (BEN)  
ON K- STICKELL AT 7 SQDN.

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