

Aircrew Remembrance Society

A non-political society dedicated in helping relatives of fallen & missing airmen from the 1939-45 air war.
Preserving the memories, photographs and documents of those from all nations who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Throughout this site you will notice that several abbreviations are used. This list, although not complete, should assist you in the explanation.

R.A.F. Fighter command Operation Code Names

(See end of page for Luftwaffe code names)

Circus:	Bombers heavily escorted to bring enemy fighters into combat.
Diver:	Anti V-1 "Doodlebug" sorties.
Flower:	Bombing night fighter bases.
Gardening -	Sea/coastal mine-laying by aircraft
Instep:	Fighter patrols over the Bay of Biscay - looking for "U" boats and JU88's of KG40.
Intruder:	Day or night sortie to attack German aircraft or ground targets of opportunity.
Jim Crow:	Fighter recon sortie over English Channel.
Lagoon:	Anti-shipping operations in company with Coastal Command Beaufighters.
Mahmoud:	Bomber support operations using rear-facing radar. On being engaged from behind, the fighter would do a 360 degree turn to come behind the E.A.
Neptune:	Low cover patrol.
Noball:	Attacking V-1 flying bomb storage, manufacturing or launch sites.
Nickel -	Leaflet dropping operation
Popular:	Photo-reconnaissance sortie.
Ramrod:	Similar to a Circus, but with the intention of destroying a target.
Ranger:	Large formation freelance intrusion over enemy territory with aim of wearing down enemy forces.
Rhubarb:	Small scale freelance fighter sortie against ground targets of opportunity.
Roadstead:	Low level attack on coastal shipping.
Rodeo:	Fighter sweep without bombers.
Rover:	Armed reconnaissance against targets behind enemy lines.
Scramble:	General term for fighters being given the order to get airborne urgently.
Sweep:	Offensive formation of fighters or fighter bombers over enemy territory, designed to draw the enemy.
Tac/R	Tactical reconnaissance.
A	
ABC -	Airborne Cigar - transmitter aboard aircraft which jammed German fighter control frequencies
AC Plonk -	An Aircraftman
Abbeville Kids -	A particularly aggressive bunch of Luftwaffe fighter units based at Abbeville
Adj -	Adjutant, the administrative assistant to the Squadron CO
Acc (Trolley Acc) -	Accumulator (battery) - for starting engines on ground
ace -	Pilot credited with bringing down five or more enemy aircraft, est in WWI
ack-ack -	Anti Aircraft fire sometimes termed AA or simply flak.
aiming point -	During a bombing run the aircraft had to fly level and steady for aiming purpose before bomb release and for a short period afterwards to enable the camera on board to take a series of pictures (at night a photo flash flare was dropped) to provide evidence of where the bombs had been aimed.
aircrew -	Anyone who had a winged brevet, e.g. pilot, navigator, air gunner etc.
airmaids -	Crew of an Air Sea Rescue boat
airscrew -	Three or four propeller blades on a hub and with a spinner
ammo -	Ball, Dewilde incendiary, tracer, armour piercing
angels -	Altitude in units of 1000 feet e.g. Angels 20 over Dover = 20,000 feet over
Aphrodite -	Use of aged aircraft as radio-controlled bombers
apron -	Hangar tarmac
armourer -	Ground crew responsible for bombs, defensive ammunition, flares etc.
arrival -	Clumsy or otherwise defective landing
arse end charlie -	The man who weaves backwards and forwards above and behind the fighter squadron to protect them from attack from the rear
Ash -	Narrow beam radar used for low-level operations
arsy-tarsy -	Aircrew Reception Centre
Aspirin -	Jammer to counter the German Knickebein navigational aid
aviate -	Showing off when flying a plane
B	
bag -	Parachute
bail out -	To leave an aircraft by parachute: those doing so to save their lives qualified for a Caterpillar Club membership and badge: usually in forced circumstances as distinct from a practice drop
Balbo -	Large formation of aircraft
balloonatic -	Member of Balloon Command
bandit -	Enemy aircraft
bang on -	To be right on target - absolutely correct
bar -	Second or more the award of the same decoration, also shown by an asterisk e.g. DFC* = DFC and bar
beat up -	To fly very low over those who are watching in celebration or to show off, sometimes with disciplinary action resulting or tragic consequences - also to attack
Beau -	Bristol Beaufighter aircraft
Beer-Barrel -	Brewster Buffalo aircraft
beehive -	Very close formation of bombers (hive) with fighter escort (bees)
beer-lever -	Joystick
beetle-juice -	Betelgeux, bright red star which with Sirius and Procyon form an equilateral triangle
Belinda -	Frequent nickname of barrage balloons
bell (rang the) -	Got good results
belly -	Underpart of aircraft fuselage
belly landing -	To land with the undercarriage retracted
belt (to) -	Travel at a high speed or to hit target heavily
Benjamin -	Jammer to counter the German Y-Gerät bombing aid
Bernhard -	German ground-to-air communication system
binders -	Brakes of an aircraft
black box -	Instrument that enables bomb aimer to see through clouds or in the dark - see also gen box

Blenburgher - Bristol Blenheim aircraft
 Blighty - The UK
 blister - Enclosure/housing for a machine gun or cannon; a bulge in a perspex canopy to enable a better view
 blitz - Large formation of close flying enemy aircraft
 blitz time - Time briefed for all aircraft to pass over target
 blower - Aircraft supercharger; telephone
 boffins - Scientific or technical types who worked on new aircraft or equipment developments
 bogey - Unidentified aircraft
 bomb up - To load the bombs on to an aircraft
 bomphleteers - Airmen engaged on the early pamphlet raids (later called Nickels)
 boomerang - Returning early from an uncompleted operation because of alleged technical problems - see also DNCO
 boost - The amount of supercharging given to an engine to increase power (eg: +5 lb)
 Boozer - Radar receiver fitted to RAF bombers
 bounce - Surprise attack
 briefing - Meeting of all crews before they set out on an operation, to receive instructions for the op: some might have further specialist briefings e.g. navigators
 Brock's benefit - Very intense display of flares, searchlights and AA fire (after the firework manufacturer who also supplied many of the flares used)
 broily - Parachute
 Bromide - Jammer to counter the German X-Gerät bombing aid
 bumps - See circuits and bumps
 bus - An aircraft
 bus driver - Bomber pilot
 Buster - As fast as possible.
 buttoned up - Job properly completed, all sorted out
 buzz - Rumour

 C
 cabbage - Bomb
 Cat - Consolidated Catalina aircraft
 cat's eyes - Particularly keen eyed pilot
 Caterpillar Club - Club for those who had survived by using their parachutes - the pin was a small caterpillar (representing the insect that made silk) and was given by Irvin, the maker of parachutes
 Carpet operation - Supply dropping sortie to Resistance forces
 Chain Home - British early warning radar system
 champagne glass - Handley Page Hampden aircraft
 Chance light - Powerful light at end of runway which could be requested by a pilot in difficulty
 chocks away - Let's make a start
 chute - Parachute
 circuits and bumps - repeated touch and go landings in training, a pilot training exercise in landing an aircraft and immediately taking off again
 Circus operations - Fighter-escorted daylight bombing attacks against short-range targets with the aim of bringing the enemy air force to battle
 clapped out - An aircraft or person nearing the end of its useful life - worn out, tired
 Clarion - American plan to disrupt German communications and morale by widespread bombing attacks
 clobber - Flying gear it was necessary to wear in a wartime bomber
 comb out - Make an extensive ground target sweep with gunfire
 coming to town - Enemy aircraft approaching
 coming and going - Applied to an aircraft fitted with a wireless set
 con course - Conversion course e.g. when switching from one trade to another
 coned - When a master searchlight, often radar controlled, frequently described as having a blueish beam, picked up an aircraft, other searchlights in the area would swing onto the aircraft, thus coning it - then flak would be poured into the cone
 conservatory - Cabin of a plane (from the perspex on three sides)
 Cookie - 4,000lb High Capacity blast bomb, usually dropped with incendiaries; also called a blockbuster (demolish a block of houses)
 corkscrew - Evasive manoeuvre when attacked by night fighter - sharp diving turn to port followed by sharp climbing turn to starboard: one of the gunners, watching the attack, would order the pilot "Corkscrew GO!"
 Corona - Counterfeit orders to German fighters
 crab - Avro 504 training aircraft
 crabbing along - Flying near the ground or water
 crack down - When applied to an aircraft, to shoot it down: to crack down on the deck (in the drink) - to crash land on the ground (on the sea)
 crate - Aircraft, particularly one which is obsolescent
 cricket - German night fighter plane
 Crossbow - Attack on V-weapon launching sites
 curtains - Killed
 Crump Dump - The Ruhr
 crump hole - Bomb crater
 cu - Cumulus cloud
 cu nim - Cumulo nimbus cloud

 D
 Daffy - Boulton Paul Defiant aircraft
 daisy cutter - Faultless landing
 Dalton Computer - Early mechanical hand held computer used in air navigation
 Darkie - System of homing at night on radio bearings provided by base when requested
 Day Ranger - Operation to engage air and ground targets within a wide but specified area, by day
 dead stick - Engine failed - e.g. dead stick landing is a landing without engine power
 debriefing - Interrogation over mugs of tea with the Intelligence staff to elicit what happened on the op
 deck - The ground - "crack down on the deck" - to "pancake" an aircraft
 dickey flight - Training flight where a pilot not experienced on operations or a senior officer returning to operations would go on an op with an experienced crew as a "second dickey"
 dicky seat - Seat originally designed for a second pilot
 Distil operation - Fighter operation to shoot down enemy aircraft minesweeping.
 ditch - To force land on water
 Dog-fight - Aerial scrap
 Domino - Jammer to counter the German X-Gerät bombing aid
 dope - Nitrocelluloid liquid, similar to nail polish, used to tighten and harden fabric (linen) airframe covering
 down the flights - The area on an airfield where the aircraft were serviced between ops
 Drem lighting - System of outer markers and approach lights installed at many airfields in the early years of the war
 drome - Airfield
 dud - Weather: when not fit to fly - bombs/ammunition: didn't go off
 Düssel - German name for metal foil droppped to confuse radar
 dustbin - Ventral gunner's position in aircraft

dust-up - Heated action/fight/altercation

E

egg - A bomb or mine (lay eggs - lay mines)

Eureka - Ground radio transmitter for guiding bombers to their target everything under control - all is well

Eyette - Italian (plane)

F

Faithful Annie - Avro Anson

Fighter Night patrol - Fighter patrol over area where anti-aircraft gunners were ordered not to fire, sometimes restricted to certain altitudes

fitter - ground crew responsible for engines and related controls

Firebash sorties - sorties by Mosquitoes of 100 Group with the aircraft delivering incendiary or napalm loads on German airfields

fireproof - invulnerable

fireworks - heavy anti aircraft fire

Flak - Fliegerabwehrkanonen - anti-aircraft gun: in reports heavy/light flak referred to the calibre observed not the intensity - "getting some flak" - being criticised

flame float - Small floating incendiary device thrown down the flare chute so that the rear gunner could center the "pip" on his reflector sight on the point of light and then read off the degree of deviation from a scale on his turret ring - thus providing the navigator with the degree of wind drift blowing the a/c off track

flamer - aircraft shot down in flames

flaming onions - Anti aircraft tracer

flare path - a row of lights (either kerosene gooseneck flares or permanent base electric lights) marking the boundary of the runway for taking off/landing searchlights or cinema.

flicks - a bomber squadron was in one or more Flights - e.g. A and B each consisting of 6-8 aircraft and crews: each Flight was commanded by a Squadron Leader or Flight Lieutenant - A Flight aircraft were lettered A-N and B Flight from M-Z

flight -

flip - Short flight, especially when as a favour to a friend

flying log - every aircrew member was required to keep a flying logbook of every flight taken - including air tests, transport, training and operational flying - this was signed by the Flight Commander each month and by the CO. At the end of a tour the C/O and the Trade Leader would sign (eg: a Bomb Aimer's log would be signed by the Bombing Leader, The Gunner's by the Gunnery Leader etc.)

Flying Pencil - Dornier bomber

Flying Suitcase (Tadpole) - Handley Page Hampden

Flying Tin-Opener - Hurricane in tank busting role

fold up - Suddenly crash

football feet - make excessive use of rudder

Form 78 - RAF form also called Aircraft Movement Card which followed the aircraft from the manufacturer to its final resting place

Form 540 - Pages of this form make up the Operations Record Books (ORB): the column headings are date, aircraft type and number, crew, duty, Time up, Time down, Details of sortie or flight, References

Form 541 - Pages of this form were used for the Appendices to the ORB

Form 700 - Form setting out the serviceability status of an aircraft, signed by the captain to signify taking over responsibility for it from the ground crew: the Form had to list any defects

Fort - Boeing B-17 Heavy Daylight Bomber

Freya - German early warning radar

frozen on the stick - paralysed with fear

Fuller - Counter measures against the escape of the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau from Brest

full bore - Flat out, at top speed

G

gate (through the) - Apply maximum power

Gee - Medium-range radio aid to navigation equipment employing ground transmitters and airborne receiver

Giant Würzburg - German fighter control radar

Grand Slam - 22,000lb penetrating (earthquake) bomb

George - Automatic pilot

Gerry or Jerry - German

goggled goblin - Night fighter pilot

going (around again) - repeating the bomb run to get a better result

goolie chit - A scrap of paper or piece of cloth that when shown to the natives of a country over which you might be shot down offered a reward if they would return you alive and entire to the nearest Allied unit: arose from NW frontier and Iraq where the ladies of some tribes played nasty games with sharp knives

Gossage - Barrage balloon (after AOC Balloon Command Sir Leslie Gossage)

Gravy (the) - grab for altitude - try to gain altitude in flight: become very angry

green (in the) - Atlantic: gravy - fuel

green (to get the) - All engine control gauges operating correctly - a needle which swung into the "red" indicated a malfunction

greenhouse - to receive permission to take off (expanded to get permission for anything) - the airfield control officer would signal with a morse code Aldis Lamp with a green lens to give an aircraft permission to take off - usually the message was the letter of the aircraft (eg: P for Peter - ..)

greens - cockpit windows

(when referring to undercarriage instrumentation) green lights referring to the retractable undercarriage legs, red lights indicate legs moving between up/locked and down/locked. When all up and locked there are no lights showing (makes bulbs last longer, most old indicators had two sets of green lamps switchable to cater for a blown bulb)

groceries - Bombs see also cabbage, cookie, egg

grope - Ground operational exercise

grounded - Not permitted to fly: someone newly married (can't fly by night)

ground-strafe - low flying attack

Group - A formation of Wings

Groupie - Group Captain - usual rank of officer who commanded a Wing

Guinea Pig Club - After an incident where aircrew were extremely badly burned they would be sent to East Grinstead Hospital in the U.K. where some of the foremost plastic surgeons of the day performed "cutting edge" surgery - the term was made up by the patients themselves - many today proudly wear the maroon tie of the club

H

Halibag - Handley Page Halifax four engine bomber

Ham-Bone - Handley Page Hampden

Happy Valley - The Ruhr, much bombed and very heavily defended

heavy - heavy bomb or bomber

hedge-hopping - Flying so low that the aircraft appears to hop over the hedges
 Herc - Bristol Hercules sleeve valve air cooled radial engine
 Himmelbett - German system of controlled night fighting
 hockey stick - Bomb loading jack or hoist
 hoosh - Land at great speed
 Hoover - Fighter sweep
 hours - on 24 hour clock - time - 2345 hours would be 12:45 p.m. ,also could be the amount of time in the air as calculated in your log book: night hours were usually written in red

 Hun - German
 Hurryback - Hurricane fighter
 Hurrybuster - See Flying Tin Opener

 I
 illuminator - A crew tasked with dropping flares on a night target so that the following a/c could aim accurately
 intell - intelligence officer (I/O) or intelligence report
 intercom - System by which the various crew members communicated with each other by voice in the aircraft
 Irvin Jacket - Standard RAF leather flying jacket lined with fleece

 J
 Jerry - German (plane)
 Jerrycan - Excellent German heavy duty portable can for holding water, fuel or other liquid - quickly replaced the leaky tins used by the RAF, was manufactured in England to the German pattern
 jink away - Sharp manoeuvre, sudden evasive action of aircraft
 juice - Aviation fuel (as in "we are low on juice") - also "gravy" - AVGAS was 100 Octane petrol

 K
 K site - Airfields with dummy aircraft for deception by day
 Kipper Kite - Coastal Command aircraft which protected fishing fleets in the North and Irish Seas
 Knickebein - German navigational aid
 knot - Measure of air or ground speed - one nautical mile per hour (1.150 statute miles per hour)

 L
 Lagoon - Shipping reconnaissance operation off the Dutch coast
 Lanc - Avro Lancaster bomber
 let down - Descend through cloud
 let up - Ease up on throttle
 Lib - Consolidated B-24 Liberator
 Lichtenstein - German night fighter radar
 Lindholme gear - Equipment dropped from air-sea rescue aircraft to crews ditched in the sea, developed at RAF Lindholme
 line book - book kept in the Mess in which two or more officers could record a 'line shoot' by someone
 line shoot - shooting a line - exaggerating one's accomplishments - usually responded to by the line "there I was upside down, nothing on the clock but the makers name...."
 Lorenz system - Blind beam approach system

 M
 Mae West - Inflatable life vest worn over flying suit (when inflated resembled the pigeon breasted movie star)
 Mahmoud sortie - night fighter sortie to specific point over enemy territory to engage his night fighters in that area
 mahogany Spitfire desk - "flown" by penguins and ground wallahs
 main bit - Major section of an aircraft
 Mandrel - Airborne radio swamping of the German early warning system, device used by 100 Group
 Meacon - Stations set up to broadcast signals aimed at 'bending' or altering German navigation transmissions
 Met - Meteorology Officer or weather report
 Mickey Mouse - Bomb-dropping controls - the bombing panel consisted of a clockwork distributor and selection switches (hence like a mickey mouse watch)
 milling around - Aircraft forming defensive circle
 mixed death - Various types of ammunition combined in a belt
 Monica - Radar fitted in rear of Bomber Command aircraft to provide some early warning of night fighters; in July 1944 it was found that Monica was being detected as a homing signal for the Luftwaffe
 Mossie - De Havilland Mosquito aircraft
 Musical Paramatta - method of ground marking a target by coloured target indicators dropped blindly on Oboe
 Musical Wanganui - method of sky marking a target by parachute borne coloured markers dropped blindly on Oboe

 N
 Naxos - German radar device enabling fighters to home on H2S transmissions of bombers
 Newhaven - Method of ground marking a target by flares or target indicators dropped blindly on HS followed by visual identification
 Nickels - Propaganda leaflets
 Night Ranger - Operation to engage air and ground targets within a wide but specified area, by night

 O
 Oboe - Ground-controlled radar system of blind bombing in which one station indicated track to be followed and another the bomb release point
 office - Cockpit of aircraft
 on the beam - Some stations were equipped with a landing beam which told the pilot he was on the correct glide slope for landing - if he flew too high he would hear a series of morse dots and if too low a series of morse dashes - the idea was to keep a steady tone in one's earphones - also showed up in some aircraft as a set of lights showing that one was on the correct beam or too high or low - also used for flying on a navigation beam such as Gee or Oboe - generally translated to being on the right course of action about anything as in "I think the Wingco's on the beam about not flying over the Alps again."
 op (operation) - Attack on the enemy (USAAF term - "mission")
 opsum - Operational Summary - prepared by the Intelligence Officer from debriefing notes recording the results of an operation
 overload tanks - Extra fuel tanks required when for example a Wellington was operated at its extreme range - two could be fitted in the bomb bays and one could be fitted on the rest cot in the fuselage
 Overlord - Allied invasion of northern France in June 1944

 P
 pack up - cease to function - "My port engine packed up coming out of the target

	area"
Pampa -	Long-range weather reporting sortie
pancake -	To land
party -	Air battle
peel off (to) -	Break formation to engage enemy
perch -	To land
piece of cake -	An easy target with little opposition - anything easily done
piece of nice -	Any pleasant entertainmant
plaster -	To bomb heavily and accurately
play pussy -	Hide in the clouds.
sleep -	A squeak, rather like a high note klaxon.
plug away -	Continue to fire, keep going for target
plumber -	Armourer
poop off -	Open fire
port -	The left side of a/c as seen from pilots seat
posted -	Orders sending a crewman to another station or responsibility
prang -	To crash an a/c or to hit a target well
Prata -	Weather reconnaissance flight
pulpit -	Cockpit of aircraft
pundit -	Flashing light which signalled the airfield identity in order to assist navigation
Q	
Q-site -	Site flashing lights to represent a mock airfield to attract enemy attention at night
Queen Mary -	An articulated "semi" trailer used to transport aircraft or aircraft parts by ground to Maintenance Units for service or refurbishment
quick squirt -	Short sharp burst of machine-gun fire - "quickie"
R	
Ramrod -	Bomber raid escorted by fighters aimed at destruction of a specific target in daylight
Ranger -	Usually a deep penetration flight to a specified area, to engage targets of opportunity
Rhombus -	Weather reporting flight
Rhubarb -	Low-level strike operation mounted in cloudy condition against enemy targets in Occupied Countries
rigger -	Ground crew responsible for airframe (specialists might include "instrument bashers" and "sparks" to look after instruments and electrical systems)
rings -	Rank designation on officer's cuffs e.g. half ringer = Pilot Officer, one ringer = Flying Officer, two ringer = Flight Lieutenant, two and a half = Squadron Leader, three = Wing Commander
Roadstead -	Fighter operation mounted against shipping
Rodeo -	Fighter sweep
roddie or rodded bombs -	bomb fitted with a rod in the nose so that it would explode above the ground - used in antipersonnel ops
round -	One cartridge of .303 ammunition, ammunition was measured in number of rounds carried
Rover -	Coastal Command armed patrol to search for enemy shipping
runup -	To test engines for magneto drop before taking off - also the route taken into the target area before the bomb dropping point was reached
S	
salvo -	Bomb selection which released all bombs at the same time
sardine-tin -	Sorpedo carrying plane
Sashlite bulb -	Photo-flash bulb used for training and experimental purposes
scarecrow -	Crews reported aircraft blowing up without evidence of attacks (e.g. tracer), and the story arose that the Germans were firing scarecrow shells to simulate stricken aircraft, so as to demoralise crews. Probably actually the result of Schräge Musik attacks, but less easy to explain in daylight reports.
scarlet slugs -	Bofors tracer fire
Schräge Musik -	Devastatingly successful upward firing gun fighter attack using tracerless ammunition against bombers used by expert Luftwaffe pilots.
scramble -	Immediate operational take off
scream downhill -	Execute a power dive
screamer -	Bomb that makes a whistling sound as it comes down
screened -	Period after completing a tour when aircrew could not be called on to do operational flying
scrub -	Cancel an op
scrub around -	Evasive action
second dickey -	Additional pilot usually aboard for experience on an operation before starting ops with his own crew: the first pilot is however not called a first dickey
Serrate sortie -	Operation to locate and destroy enemy night fighters and combined with night bomber raids. Made use of airborne radar
Shagbat -	Supermarine Walrus aircraft
silver sausage -	Barrage balloon
sky-piece -	Smoke trails
snake about -	Evasive action when chased by enemy fighters or searchlights or AA fire
snappers -	Enemy fighters
soggy -	Aircraft with unresponsive controls; soggy type
sortie -	One aircraft doing one trip to target and back
soup -	Fog; "tangled in the soup" - astray in the fog
spam can -	B-24 Liberator
Spit -	Supermarine Spitfire aircraft
spoo -	Diversionary raid or operation
Spartan -	Exercise to establish methods of making entire airfield formation mobile
squadron vic -	V shaped formation of aircraft
squirt -	To fire a short burst from machine guns - as in "the R/G gave him a squirt before we went into the corkscrew"
stand down -	no operations planned
starboard -	Right side of the a/c as seen from pilot's seat
Starfish -	UK decoy sites with various fire and illumination effects simulating targets to lure Axis bomber formations e.g. Langstone Harbour for Portsmouth
stick -	Bomb selection so that bombs would be released at timed intervals from their carriers in the bomb bay (also to release only a part of bomb load, going around a second time to drop the rest)
Sun -	Short Sunderland aircraft
Sunray -	Overseas training flight for bomber crews
Sunray -	Code for any CO
sweep -	Systematic operation to flush out targets in a given area e.g. fighter sweep
T	
Tallboy -	12,000lb penetrating (earthquake) bomb
tail end Charlie -	rear gunner or rear aircraft of a formation
take it on -	(aeroplane) climb rapidly
Tame Sow/Zahme Sau -	German tactics, designed to bring night fighters in contact with bombers moving to and from target, using co-ordinated groups

taps - Controls, indicators in the cockpit or cabin of an aircraft
taters (sack of) - Load of bombs delivered to same address
taxi - Plane carrying small number of passengers
taxi-driver - Instructor at a school of air navigation
teat - Electric button which fires the guns (or tit, also for dropping bombs)
Tee Emm - RAF Magazine (as in Training Manual), post war retitled Happy Landings
tee up - Prepare a job, to get ready.
ten-tenths - No visibility because of total cloud cover - also 10/10ths flak - very heavy concentration
three pointer - Excellent landing (on all three wheels)
Thum - Weather reporting flight
Tinsel - Broadcasting bomber engine noises on the German fighter control frequencies
tool along - Fly aimlessly
totem-pole - Airfield lighting equipment of this shape
touch bottom - Crash
touch down - Land
tour (of operations) - initially a period of time, later a number of ops, that a bomber crewman had to complete before being screened
toy - Training aircraft or Link Trainer
tracer - Type of machine gun round which glowed as it moved showing the way to the target and allowing for adjustments in sighting - unfortunately also gave away the firer's position - usually every fourth round was a tracer
train (driving the) - leading more than one squadron into battle
trip - an op
trousers - Fairing of the undercarriage legs of certain types of aircraft
turn up the wick - Open the throttle
twitch - body tremors developed by aircrew after a number of operations - "he's got the twitch" - sign of operational stress

U

undercart - Undercarriage of an aircraft - two main wheels and a tail wheel in the case of "taildraggers" like the Wellington - two main and a nosewheel for "tricycle" aircraft like the B-24 - attempting a landing with the 'cart "up" was considered a "putting up a large black" for the pilot
upstairs - In the air
up top - Flying high
UP - Projector for firing Z rockets
V
vegetables - Acoustic or magnetic mines sowed on gardening expeditions to various "beds"
vic - Aircraft formation in the shape of a "vee" usually three aircraft but could be more
visiting card - Bomb

W

waffle/waffling - Out of control, losing height; or cruising along unconcernedly and indecisively
washed out - scrubbed - to fail as a student pilot - bomb aimers or navigators in particular were often scrubbed pilots
Wassermann - German early warning radar
weaving - Gentle form of corkscrew - evasive manoeuvre to allow gunners maximum view around aircraft, especially below.
whiff - Oxygen
Whispering Death - Beaufighter
whistle (to) - Depart hurriedly e.g. scramble
whistler - High explosive bomb as it comes down
Wild Sow/Wilde Sau - German tactics to engage bombers over the target by individual fighters
Wimpey - Vickers Armstrong's Wellington Bomber
Window - Tinfoil strips dropped by bombers to disrupt enemy radar system
Wing - Unit made up of two or sometimes three squadrons
Wingco - Wing Commander
wizard/wizzo - Really first class, superlative, attractive, ingenious
wop - Wireless Operator
wopag - Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
wom - Wireless Operator/Mechanic
woof - To open the throttle very quickly
wrap up - Crash
Würzburg - German radar used to direct A.A. guns, searchlights, and briefly, night fighters

X

X-Gerät - German bombing aid

Y

Y-control - Method of controlling night fighters using modified Y-Gerät equipment
Y-Gerät - German bombing aid
Y Service - Ground based signals monitoring service, using German or Italian speaking operators
yellow doughnut - collapsible dinghy carried on aircraft
yellow peril - training aircraft

Luftwaffe Code Names

Deutscher Funkverkehr / Codewörter

Funkverkehr	Bedeutung
ANTRETEN	Auf kürzestem Wege Kurs nehmen
ALBATROS	Seenotrettungsflugzeug
AMPULLE	Angriff starten
BUCHBINDER	Angriff abbrechen
AMPULLE RICHARDUS	Angriff fortsetzen/wiederholen
ARTHUR	Artillerie
ÄQUATOR	In den Wolken
NORDPOL	Oben
SÜDPOL	Unten
AUGUSTUS	Aufklärer -> NACHTWÄCHTER -> SPÄHWAGEN
AUSSENSEITER	Nebenangriff -> MARKTPLATZ
AUTOBAHN DRÜCKEN	Landefunkfeuer an
AUTOBAHN UMLEGEN	Landefunkfeuer aus
AUTOS	Feindliche Zweimotorige Flugzeuge
DICKE AUTOS	Feindliche schwere Bomber 4-mots
BAHNHOF	Heimathafen
BERGE	Tieffliegende Feindflieger
BIENE	Jagdschutz
BLAUE TRUPPEN	Eigene Truppen
ROTE TRUPPEN	Feindliche Truppen
BLIND	Keine Fühlung
BODO	Bodenstelle, Gefechtsstand
BRUCH IM GARTENZAUN	Bruchlandung auf dem Platz
BUCHBINDER	Bombenabwurf

CARUSO	Kurs
DAMENWAHL	Führer eines Verbandes wechseln
DICKE AUTOS	Feindliche Viermotorige Flugzeuge
DICKE MÖBELWAGEN	Eigene drei- oder viermotorige Flugzeuge
DONNERKEIL	Nachstoßen
DREIMAL ROLFILISA	Kurs 30° nach rechts / links verbessern
EILE	Eigene Geschwindigkeit
EINBRECHER	Eintritt in Flaksperrgebiet
ENTE	Entfernung zum Feind
EXPRESS	Fliegen Sie schneller
EXPRESS-EXPRESS	Äußerste Geschwindigkeit
FAHRTRICHTUNG	Landerichtung
FALKE	Flugzeug
FAMILIE	Weile, Pulk
FEIERABEND	Starte Zielanflug
FEUERZAUBER	Flak
FRAGEZEICHEN	Unbekannte Flugzeuge
FRIEDA	Fallen
GARTENZAUN	Flugplatz
GEBEN SIE AUF ...	Mit Gefechtsstand/Heimat sprechen
GEHEN SIE INS VORZIMMER	Warten Sie
GLEICHER KIRCHTURM	Gleiche Flughöhe wie Feindmaschinen -> KIRCHTURM
HALBZEIT	Luftkampf abbrechen
HALLO	Höhe
HALLO TONI	Höhe 1 bis 100m
HALLO 23	Höhe 2300m
HALTEN	Fliegen Sie langsamer
HANNY	Höhe des Feindes
HAUS (KENNZIFFER)	Ausweichhafen mit optionaler Kennziffer
HAUS ZWEI	Ausweichhafen zwei anfliegen
HAVANNA	Sofortige Landung auf schnellstem Wege
HORRIDO	Abschuss
ICH BERÜHRE	Visueller Kontakt zum Ziel
ICH BIN ANGESTRAHLT	Liege unter Beschuss
ICH BIN BLIND	Führung verloren
ICH BIN DA	Bin am Platz
ICH HABE DURST	Treibstoffmangel
ICH STEIGE AUS	Fallschirmsprung
ICH STOPFE	Waffenausfall
ICH SUCHE	Ziel nicht gesehen/verloren
INDIANER	Feindliche Jäger
INGO	Infanterie
JUGENDZEIT	Flugzeit bis zur Landung
KARUSSELL LISA	Kreisen über links
KARUSSELL ROLF	Kreisen über rechts
KIRCHTURM	Eigene Höhe
KLEINER RUTSCH	Bauchlandung
KONDOR	Befehl ausgeführt
KONGO	Boden
KONKURRENZ	Luftgefahr
KREUZUNG	Bin in Not, bitte auf taktische Weise anpeilen
KURFÜRST	Kurs
LABETRUNK	Landung
LISA	Kurs 10° nach links verbessern
LUCIE-ANTON	Landung
MARKTPLATZ	Hauptangriffsziel
MARIE	Kurs liegt richtig
MAUERBLUME	Feindberührung
MEIN PFERD LAHMT	Motorschaden
MÖBELWAGEN	Eigene zweimotorige Flugzeuge
MOTTO	motorisiert
MYO	Sirene, Feindflieger am eigenen Flugplatz
MYO NIL	Eigener Flugplatz frei
NAPOLI	Achtung Nebel
NACHTWÄCHTER	Aufklärer
NATRON	Nicht verstanden
NORDPOL	Über den Wolken
NORMALUHR	Bleiben Sie in...
ODYSSEUS	Seenotrettungsfahrzeug
ORKAN	Geschwindigkeit des Feindes
OTTO	Standort-Bezugspunkt
PATERRE	Tiefflug
PAUSE	Flugzeit in Minuten
PAUKE-PAUKE	Angreifen
PELIKAN	Feindliches Schiff
PIRATEN	Jäger
QUELLE	Standort
RADFAHRER	Eigene einmotorige Flugzeuge
RENNAUTO	Schnelle Kampfflugzeuge
RAKETE	Start
RAUPE	Raum
REISE, REISE NACH	Raum verlassen nach
RICARDUS	Nicht verstanden, bitte wiederholen
ROLF	Kurs 10° nach rechts verbessern
ROLF-LISA	Flügelwackeln zur Erkennung
ROTE TRUPPEN	Feindliche Truppen
SAGO	Sammeln
SAGORAUPE	Sammelraum
SCHIEBENSTAND	Lage noch ungeklärt
SCHLÄCHTER	Schlachtflieger
SIEGFRIED	Steigen
SILBERSTREIFEN	Sicht
SOLOTANZ	Start
SPÄHWAGEN	Aufklärer
SPIELBEGINN	Feindverband erkannt
STACHELDRAHT	Sperre fliegen
STAUBWOLKE	Viele Flugzeuge
STERNTALER	Nachfliegende Feindjäger
STOLA WACHS	Stellungswechsel
STRASSENRÄUBER	Fernnachtjäger
STRATO	Strasse
SÜDPOL	Unter den Wolken
TAMPEN	M.W. Kurs
TERMIN	Flugzeit (Treibstoffvorrat)
TRIOSAGO	Truppenansammlung
ÜSKÜB	Übungseinsatz
VERDOL	Vordere Linie
VIKTOR	Verstanden und Bestätigung
VITAMINE	Verstanden
WARTESAAL	Warteschleife
WILHELMA	Widerstandsnest

WOLGA HALLO	Wolkenhöhe
ZIRKUS ÜBER...	Sammeln über...
ZITRONE	Eigenes Schiff
ZWEIMAL ROLF/LISA	Kurs 20° nach rechts/links verbessern

FUNK und Y Führung

ACHTEN AUF FALSCHMÜNZE	Gegner gibt auf unserer Welle mit Sprechsender Gegenbefehle
AUTOBAHN	Qdm-Peilung (Der bei Windstille einzuhaltende Kurs zu einer Peilstation)
BLEIBEN SIE AUF BALKON	Auf Qmp-Höhe bleiben (Höhe bei Blindanflug)
ICH ZÄHLE AB	Ich zähle zu Ihrer Abstimmung
BÖRSENSCHLUSS	Abschalten
EISENBAHN	Auf Gemeinschaftswelle schalten
GEHEN SIE INS BÜRO	Auf Meß- und Verständigungshöhe gehen
GROSSE FREUDE	Messungen vorhanden
KRINGEL	Qgh-Anflug
(Frage an Peiler: Kann ich nach dem Durchstoßverfahren landen?)	
KUH MELKEN	Auf Eigenpeilung gehen
KUH PASSIV	Eigenpeilung unklar (Sichtanzeigergerät)
LASSEN SIE STERNE BLINKE	Drücken Sie Prüfkнопf FuG 25a
LEINE ZIEHEN	Auf Gruppenbefehlsstelle gehen
LOKOMOTIVE	Auf Y-Messwelle schalten
LUFTWECHSEL	Frequenzwechsel
RÜBEZAHL	Übergabe von einer Y-Stelle an eine andere
SIE SIND HEISER	Schlechte Abstimmung, nachstimmen
STANDARTE	Qte-Peilung
(Ruf eines Peilers:	Ich peile Sie rechtsweisend in ... Grad)
STERN	FuG 25a
STIEFMAMA	Falsches Rufzeichen
STRASSE DRÜCKEN	Jägerbake an
STRASSE UMLEGEN	Jägerbake aus
TAUB	Kein Empfang
TIEFE TRAUER	Keine Messungen vorhanden
TUBA	Peilzeichen geben
TUBA DRÜCKEN	Zielfunkfeuer einschalten
WEITLING	Führung mit FuG 25a
WELLE AKTIV	Funkgerät klar
WELLE PASSIV	Funkgerät unklar
ZEBRA	Mit Fu G 16 ZE ausgerüstet
ZYPRESSE	Mit Fu G 16 ZY ausgerüstet

WETTER

ALLES BEIM ALTEN	Wetter unverändert
BÜRGERMEISTER	Platz-Qfe
(Luftdruck am jeweiligen Flugplatz zur Einstellung des Feinhöhenmessers)	
EISBÄR	Außentemperatur
KINO LANGWEILIG	Sicht schlecht
KINO SCHÖN	Sicht gut
KÜCHE GROSS	starker Dunst
KÜCHE KLEIN	schwacher Dunst
LAUBFROSCH	Geben Sie Kurzwetter
MASKERADE	Gewitter
POSEIDON	Bodenwind
VORHANG	Bewölkung
VORHANG 20 23 5-6	Bewölkungsunter- und obergrenze
(Untergrenze 2000m, Obergrenze 2300m, Bedeckungsgrad 5-6/10)	
VORHANG WANDERT	6-7 Wechselnde Bewölkung 6-7/10
WINTER IN... Vereisung in... (Höhe in Hektometer)	