

JOHN PENNY'S BRISTOL BLITZ RESEARCH

PRIMARY SOURCES

Unfortunately the Luftwaffe records in the Bundesarchiv Militararchiv at Freiburg are very incomplete. Of the two main air fleets which flew against England, Luftflotte 2 which generally attacked targets in eastern England and Luftflotte 3 which worked the western side, only the records of Luftflotte 3 survive, and even these have some gaps.

The Daily Summaries which all air fleets compiled are quite detailed as regards bombing, but are a bit vague on the reconnaissance side. At first all missions are carefully listed, but as the months went by they only seem to have noted those that were particularly successful, and then just gave general details of the work carried out, although the unit involved and often the aircraft type is quoted. Luftflotte 3 Daily Summaries are in RL7 section.

The other main series are the Luftwaffe High Command Daily Summaries (Lageberichte), which again are incomplete. These are in RL2 II section. Sadly they make no mention of units involved, but do list the activities of their own reconnaissance unit, the Aufklr.Gr.Ob.d.L., although as this information is lumped in with details of work carried out by the reconnaissance units of the other air fleets, without other information being available it is extremely difficult to make out exactly who is flying the missions.

The archives at Freiburg do not seem to hold much in the way of target documents, although there is quite a good collection in the Department of Printed Books at the Imperial War Museum in London. However, these have not been catalogued properly and are only arranged in envelopes filed by county. The National Monuments Commission at Swindon in Wiltshire also have a good collection of Luftwaffe aerial photos, as do the Mons War Museum in Belgium. In the United States, the National Archives, Department of Geography also have a huge collection of the original negatives in an outstation.

Bundesarchiv Militärarchiv, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

The RL2 section contains documents at Luftwaffe level

RL2/31 - Luftkrieg gegen England 1/8/40 to 31/3/41. Summary of operational tactics, orders of battle, and High Command orders.

RL2/32D - Schlacht um England (anlage zum Gefechtskalender) Einsatz gegen Seeziele 1/8/40 to 30/6/41. Mining and attacks on shipping - daily accounts.

RL2 II/ - Generalstab der Luftwaffe. 5 Abteilung. Einsatz alle Fronten (Lageberichte) 1939 to 1941. These are daily summaries of ALL Luftwaffe operations and contain Luftflotte 2, 3 and 5 material. They mention targets, bomb loads and times but rarely units:-

RL2/II	Dates	Lageberichte
400	01/11/39 to 19/12/39	071 to 109
200	10/12/39	110 145
201	20/01/40	03/03/40 146 181
202	04/03/40	10/04/40 182 217
203	11/04/40	28/04/40 218 235
204	29/04/40	08/05/40 236 245
205	09/05/40	21/05/40 246 258
206	22/05/40	27/05/40 259 264
207	28/05/40	02/06/40 265 270
208	03/06/40	08/06/40 271 276
209	09/06/40	14/06/40 277 282
210	15/06/40	22/06/40 283 290

211	23/06/40	30/06/40	291	298
211a	01/07/40	06/07/40	299	304
212	07/07/40	20/07/40	305	318
213	21/07/40	01/08/40	319	330
213a	02/08/40	11/08/40	331	340
213b	12/08/40	16/08/40	341	345

A gap in the series to;

214	15/09/40	22/09/40	375	382
215	23/09/40	01/10/40	383	391

A gap in the series to;

216	03/10/40	13/10/40	393	403
217	14/10/40	24/10/40	404	414
218	25/10/40	04/11/40	415	425
219	05/11/40	13/11/40	426	434
220	14/11/40	19/11/40	435	440
221	20/11/40	26/11/40	441	447
222	27/11/40	03/12/40	448	454
223	04/12/40	12/12/40	455	463
224	13/12/40	21/12/40	464	471
225	22/12/40	31/12/40	472	479
226	01/01/41	09/01/41	480	488
227	10/01/41	18/01/41	489	497
228	19/01/41	31/01/41	498	510
229	01/02/41	09/02/41	511	519
230	10/02/41	18/02/41	520	528
231	19/02/41	28/02/41	529	538
232	01/03/41	08/04/41	539	546
233	09/03/41	16/03/41	547	554
234	17/03/41	21/03/41	555	559
235	22/03/41	24/03/41	560	562
236	25/03/41	31/03/41	563	569
237	01/04/41	07/04/41	570	576
238	08/04/41	14/04/41	577	583
239	15/04/41	22/04/41	584	591
240	23/04/41	30/04/41	592	599
241	01/05/41	06/05/41	600	605
242	07/05/41	14/05/41	606	613
243	15/05/41	26/05/41	614	625
244	27/05/41	07/06/41	626	637
245	08/06/41	15/06/41	638	645
246	16/06/41	25/06/41	646	655
247	26/06/41	30/06/41	656	660
248	01/07/41	06/07/41	661	666
249	07/07/41	12/07/41	667	672
250	13/07/41	18/07/41	673	678
251	19/07/41	24/07/41	679	684
252	25/07/41	31/07/41	685	691
253	01/08/41	09/08/41	692	700
254	10/08/41	16/08/41	701	707
255	17/08/41	22/08/41	708	713
256	23/08/41	27/08/41	714	719
257	28/08/41	03/09/41	720	725
258	04/09/41	08/09/41	726	730
259	09/09/41	14/09/41	731	736
260	15/09/41	20/09/41	737	744
261	21/09/41	26/09/41	745	748
262	27/09/41	02/10/41	749	754
263	03/10/41	09/10/41	755	760

264	10/10/41	14/10/41	761	765
265	15/10/41	18/10/41	766	769
266	19/10/41	23/10/41	770	774
267	24/10/41	27/10/41	775	778
268	28/10/41	03/11/41	779	785
269	04/11/41	09/11/41	786	791

Another collection of the above contains some of the missing Lageberichte:-

Russo-German Project for the Digitization of German Documents in Russian Federation Archives

(Website <https://wwii.germandocsinrussia.org/de>)

In 'Dokumente zum Zweiten Weltkrieg' > 'Bestand 500' > 'Findbuch 12452' > 'Oberkommando der Luftwaffe'. spread between Akte 72 and 172 are to be found a reasonably complete run of the 'Lageberichte des Führungsstabes der Luftwaffe (1c) - Nr. 4 to 791 covering 26/8/1939 to 9/11/1941.

Akte

72 - 26/8/39 to 31/10/39
87 - 1/11/39 to 30/12/39

88 - 2/1/40 to 29/2/40
89 - 1/3/40 to 30/4/40
94 - 1/5/40 to 19/5/40
95 - 20/5/40 to 10/6/40
96 - 11/6/40 to 5/7/40
98 - 6/7/40 to 4/8/40
99 - 5/8/40 to 29/8/40
100 - 30/8/40 to 29/9/40
101 - 1/10/40 to 31/10/40
102 - 1/11/40 to 20/11/40
103 - 21/11/40 to 11/12/40
104 - 12/12/40 to 31/12/40

108 - 1/1/41 to 24/1/41
112 - 25/1/41 Contents Missing
113 - 1/2/41 to 5/2/41
115 - 6/2/41 to 10/2/41
116 - 11/2/41 to 15/2/41
117 - 16/2/41 to 20/2/41
118 - 21/2/41 to 25/2/41
119 - 26/2/41 to 28/2/41
120 - 1/3/41 to 5/3/41
121 - 6/3/41 to 10/3/41
122 - 11/3/41 to 15/3/41
123 - 15/3/41 to 20/3/41
124 - 21/3/41 to 25/3/41
125 - 26/3/41 to 31/3/41
127 - 31/3/41 to 5/4/41
128 - 6/4/41 to 10/4/41
160 - 11/4/41 to 15/4/41 – Incorrectly captioned on the site as 11/9/41 to 15/9/41.
130 - 16/4/41 to 20/4/41
131 - 21/4/41 to 25/4/41
132 - 26/4/41 to 30/4/41
133 - 1/5/41 to 5/5/41
134 - 6/5/41 to 10/5/41
136 - 11/5/41 to 15/5/41
137 - 16/5/41 to 20/5/41

139 - 21/5/41 to 25/5/41
140 - 26/5/41 to 31/5/41
142 - 1/6/41 to 5/6/41

Missing until

159 - 11/9/41 to 15/9/41
162 - 21/9/41 to 25/9/41
163 - 26/9/41 to 30/9/41
164 - 1/10/41 to 5/10/41
166 - 7/10/41 to 10/10/41
167 - 11/10/41 to 15/10/41
168 - 16/10/41 to 20/10/41
169 - 21/10/41 to 24/10/41
170 - 26/10/41 to 30/10/41
171 - 1/11/41 to 5/11/41
172 - 6/11/41 to 9/11/41

Luftlage West: Generalstab der Luftwaffe 5 Abteilung Erdlage, Luftlage, Seelage, Einzelvorkommnisse alle Fronten, alle Seegebiete.

(Lageberichte, Meldungen - Fernschriben - venschitdenen Dienststellen an Lw. Fu. St. Ic Kurfust).

RL2 II/365 - October to December 1943.
RL2 II/329 – 1944.
RL2 II/330 – 1945.

Bereich Westraum Luftflotten Kdo. 3: Eigene Lage, Fiendlage, alle Fronten.

(Lageberichte, Lagemeldungen von Kommandobehor den Lw. an Lw. Fu. St. Ic - Fernschreiben).

RL2 II/306 - Dec. 1942.
RL2 II/307 - Jan. 1943.
RL2 II/308 - Feb. 1943.
RL2 II/309 - Mar. 1943.
RL2 II/310 - Apr. 1943.
RL2 II/311 - May 1943.
RL2 II/88 - Jun. 1943.
RL2 II/312 - Oct. to Nov. 1943.
RL2 II/313 - Angriffsführer England April to June 1943.

RL2 III/1173 to 1196 - Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe Genst.Gen.Qu.Mstr. 6 Abteilung. Flugzeugunfälle und Verluste bei den fliegenden Verbänden, 1939/45. (Luftwaffe aircraft and crew losses).

The RL7 section contains records at Luftflotte level

RL7/2 - Planung "Einsatz gegen England", (12/8/39).

RL7/88 to 106; 618 & 619; 620 to 624: Luftflotte 3 Einsatz gegen England 1940/43. Einzelmeldungen u. zusammenfassende Meldung der Führungsabteilung Ic, Lfl 3:-

	Lageberichte	
RL7/88	June 25/6 to 30/6 only	1940
RL7/89	July	1940
RL7/90	August	1940
RL7/91	September	1940
RL7/92	October	1940
RL7/93	November	1940
RL7/94	December	1940
RL7/95	January	1941

RL7/96	February	1941
RL7/97	March	1941
RL7/98	April	1941
RL7/99	May	1941
RL7/100	June	1941
RL7/101	July	1941
RL7/102	August	1941
RL7/103	September	1941
RL7/104	October	1941
RL7/105	November	1941
RL7/106	December	1941

Most of 1942 is missing

RL7/618	December	1942
RL7/619	January	1943

February and March missing

RL7/620	April	1943
RL7/621	May	1943
RL7/622	June	1943
RL7/623	July	1943
RL7/624	August	1943

1/8 to 7/8
only

RL7/37 - Verbindungsstab zur Kgl. Italianischen Luftwaffe: 31/8/40 to 16/2/41. The Corpo Aero Italiano gegen Britain.

RL7/44 - Planspiel "Seelowe" Kampf gegen England 1940.

RL7/107 - Einsatz England. Krafteeinsatz Lfl.3. Statistische: Auswertung 1940.

RL7/108 - As above but Feb/April 1941. RL7/109: As above but May 1941.

RL7/110 - Aufklarungs und Kampfeinsatz Lfl.3 (3/11/43).

RL7/111 - Einsatz Gegen England (April 1943).

RL7/112 - Einsatz Gegen England (June 1943).

RL7/113 - Einsatz Gegen England (July 1943).

RL7/137 – Luftwaffe targets in Great Britain.

The RL8 section contains documents at Fliegerkorps level

RL8/1 - I Fliegerkorps gegen England 15/7/40 to 18/9/40.
(Including KG 76 and KG 77 under I Flkps).

RL8/64 - IX Fliegerkorps Einsatz gegen England 27/3/42 to 19/8/42 only.

RL8/65 - IX Fliegerkorps Einsatz gegen England 1943/44.

RL8/251 - II Fliegerkorps Einsatz England (October 1940). (Photocopies of Lageberichte); enthält nur Lageberichte von 3/10, 11/10, 12/10, 13/10, 14/10.

The RL10 section contains individual unit records

RL10/529 - KG 1; 24/8/39 to 12/8/43, includes 1/7/40 to 21/6/41. Teilnahme an der Schlacht um England.

RL10/18 - KG 2; Einsatz gegen England 1943.

RL10/59 - KG 3; Einsatz GB. 5/1/41.

RL10/525 - KG 4; Einsatz - (Poland, France, England, Russia, Africa) um 1957. (Bericht von Oberst a.D. H.J.Rath vom 22/1/57).

RL10/526 - KG 4; Einsatz 1/9/39 to June 1942 (Poland, Denmark, Norway, France, England, Mediterranean) um 1957. (Bericht von Oberst a.D. H.J.Rath vom 22/1/57).

RL10/30 - KG 4; gegen England von Einsatzhafen in Holland 3/10/40 to 19/10/40.

RL10/487 - KG 4; 1/1/1939 - 15/7/44. Including England, 1/7/40 to 18/7/40 and to mid April 1941 under Luftflotte 2.

RL10/36 - I/KG 4; gegen England 12/3/41 to 14/4/41.

RL10/37 - I/KG 4; gegen England 14/4/41 to 08/5/41
Gen.Kdo. IX Flkps: Vorbefehl für die Kampfführung in der kommenden Vollmondperiode 29/3/41.

RL10/38 - I/KG 4; England 9/5/41 to 18/6/41.

RL10/616 - I/KG 4; bis 21/10/43 and I/KG 100 1938 to 45 (1972).

RL10/41 - II/KG 4; KTB. England 3/8/40 to 24/10/40.

RL10/42 - II/KG 4; KTB. England 25/10/40 to 31/1/41 (including Bristol).

RL10/43 - II/KG 4; KTB. England 26/10/40 to 23/12/40.

RL10/44 - II/KG 4; KTB. England 22/12/40 to 31/1/41 (including Bristol).

RL10/45 - II/KG 4; KTB. England 25/10/40 to 21/1/41 (including Bristol).

RL10/47 - II/KG 4; Wetterlage 16/11/40 to 28/1/41.

RL10/488 - III/KG 4; England, Russia, Africa - Jan. 1941 to Oct. 1943. Operations from Leeuwarden, Soesterberg and Beauvais.

RL10/58 - IV/KG 6; Dec. 1943 to Feb. 1944.

RL10/564 - KG 6; 1942 to 1945. (1972).

RL10/602 - II/KG 26; 1940 to 1945.

RL10/630 - KG 26; 1942 and 1944/45. (1955).

RL10/578 - KG 30; 1939 to 1945 (Photocopy).

RL10/563 - KG 40; 1939 to 1945 (Photocopy).

RL10/459 - I/KG 40; 26/6/42 to 6/7/42.

RL10/87 - I/KG 53; England 16/9/40 to 22/5/41.

RL10/88 - I/KG 53; England 21/9/40 to 19/6/41.

RL10/633 - KG 54; France, GB, Malta. Einsatz GB in Herbst 40 von Evreux und St Andre.

RL10/626 - KG 55; 1939 to 45. Including UK 7/7/40 to 27/5/41.

RL10/101 - III/KG 55; 1939 to 42. Including England 25/6/40 to 14/4/41.

RL10/127 - III/KG 55; England 15/3/41 to 22/5/41. Also Einsatz KG 55 from 4/9/39 to 31/10/42.

RL10/638 - KG 66; Einsatz England 1943/44, also description of X and Y Verfahren and Truhe/Egon.

RL10/375 - Auf Klr Gr 22; 1940 to 43 including England.

RL10/385 a to c - Auf Klr Gr 123 Jan to Dec 1942 including 1,3(F)/33; 3(F)/122; 1,4(F)/123; Wekusta 2 Ob.d.L. and Wekusta 51.

RL10/579 - 2(F)/123; England 27/6/40 to 18/2/41.

Wekusta 51; KTB:-

RL10/516 - 14/4/40 to 31/12/40.

RL10/517 - 04/1/41 to 30/12/41.

RL10/519 - 05/8/42 to 28/12/42.

RL10/518 - 01/1/43 to 31/12/43.

RL10/412 - 06/5/44 to 12/07/44.

RL10/413 - 13/7/44 to 03/11/44.

Luftwaffe Operations Maps 1940 to 44 Karte 44/600 to 2500

Karte 44/639 - 3/1/41 Luftwaffe.

Karte 44/915 - 11/12.4.41 Luftwaffe.

Karte 44/916 - 11/12.4.41 Luftflotte 3.

Karte 44/2397 - 13.7.40 Luftflotte 3.

Karte 44/2393 - 8/9.7.40 Luftflotte 3.

Karte 44/1755 - 14/15.5.44 Luftwaffe.

Karte 44/1683 - 27/28.3.44 Luftwaffe.

RM7/300 - Luftwaffe reports held in Ob. d. Marine section, 1/1944 to 30/6/44.

Deutsche Dienststelle (WASSt), Berlin, Germany

Registers of aircrew losses. Individual units 1940/44 (Now closed to researchers).

National Archives, Kew

Admiralty Records

ADM 1/10740 Admiralty: Places Requiring Protection from Air Attack, 1940.

RAF Documents

AIR 2/4767 - Air Ministry Correspondence on "Starfish" Decoy Sites.

AIR 2/4769 - Air Ministry Correspondence on "Starfish" Decoy Sites.

AIR 10/3956 - AM Publication: Location of RAF Units, April 1942.

AIR 13/29 - Weston super Mare Balloon Barrage.

AIR 16/234 to 238 - Fighter Command Intelligence Summaries 1939/44.

AIR 16/848 - No.10 (F) Group Balloon Barrage and Smoke Screen Operations Log, 1942.

AIR 20/335 - Periodical Review of German Air Force Activity by the RAF W/T Intercept Service ("Y" Service), 1939/41.

AIR 20/373 - AA Defence of the UK 1939/45 by General Pile.

AIR 20/387 - Formation of Balloon Barrages 1939/40.

AIR 22/28 - Air Ministry War Room Daily Summaries, 1942.

AIR 22/75 - Air Ministry Weekly Intelligence Summary No.144 - 19/20.5.42.

AIR 22/125 - Air Ministry War Room Air Staffs Operational Summaries, 1942.

AIR 22/476 to 501 - Air Ministry W/T Intelligence Service Daily Summaries 9/39 to 8/44 ('Y' Service Intercepts of Luftwaffe radio traffic).

AIR 22/494 - RAF 'Y' Service Intercepts of Luftwaffe Radio Traffic, 1942.

AIR 24/131 to 136 - Balloon Command Operations Record Book 1938/44.

AIR 24/142 - Balloon Command, United Kingdom ORB, 1942.

AIR 24/553 - Fighter Command ORB (Form 'Y'), 1942.

AIR 24/554 - Fighter Command ORB (Appendix), 1942.

AIR 25/182 and 183 - No.10 (Fighter) Group Operations Record Book, 1940/44.

AIR 25/193 and 194 - No.11 (Fighter) Group Operations Record Book, 1926/42.

AIR 25/580 - No.32 (B) Group, SW England, ORB, 1942.

AIR 25/769 - No.60 (Signals) Group Operations Record Book, 3/40 to 12/43.

AIR 26/580 to 583 - No.80 (Signals) Wing Operations Record Book, 1940/44.

RAF Squadron Operations Record Books (various): AIR 27 Class

AIR 27/3 - No.1 Squadron, Tangmere.

AIR 27/712 - No.87 Squadron, Charmy Down.

AIR 27/287 - No.23 Squadron, Tangmere.

AIR 27/901 - No.286 Squadron, Weston super Mare.

AIR 27/922 - No.125 Squadron, Colerne.

AIR 27/1360 - No.219 Squadron, Tangmere.

AIR 27/1481 - No.245 Squadron, Middle Wallop.

AIR 27/1488 - No.247 Squadron, Exeter.

AIR 27/1518 - No.255 Squadron, High Ercall.

AIR 27/1553 - No.264 Squadron, Colerne.

AIR 27/1675 - No.307 Squadron, Exeter.

AIR 27/1820 - No.418 Squadron, Bradwell Bay.

AIR 27/2002 - No.1454 Flight, Charmy Down.

AIR 27/2004 - No.1455 Flight, Tangmere.

AIR 27/2004 - No.1457 Flight, Predannack.

AIR 27/2005 - No.1458 Flight, Middle Wallop.

AIR 27/2061 - No.600 Squadron, Predannack.

AIR 27/2083 - No.604 Squadron, Middle Wallop.

AIR 27/2262 - No.927 Squadron, Bristol, ORB, 1942.

AIR 27/2276 - No.935 Squadron, Filton, ORB, 1942.

AIR 27/2304 - No.955 Squadron, Weston super Mare, ORB, 1942.

AIR 27/2337 - No.992 Squadron, Rover Unit, ORB, 1942.

AIR 28/166 - RAF Colerne Operations Record Book, 1942.

AIR 28/166 - RAF Filton Operations Record Book 1939/45.

AIR 28/282 - RAF Colerne Operations Record Book 1940/46.

AIR 28/545 - RAF Middle Wallop Operations Record Book, 1942.

AIR 28/866 - RAF Weston super Mare Operations Record Book, 1943.

AIR 29/27 and 28 - Fighter Interception Unit, Tangmere.

AIR 29/67 - No.11 Balloon Centre Operations Record Book 1939/45.

AIR 29/504 - No.14 Recruits Centre, Weston super Mare.

AIR 29/603 - Nos. 1,3 & 8 Aviation Candidates Selection Boards, Weston super Mare.
AIR 29/618 - No.10 E.F.T.S., Weston super Mare.
AIR 29/711 - Equipment Training School - Airmen, Weston super Mare.
AIR 29/738 - No.5 School of Technical Training, Weston super Mare.
AIR 29/858 - No.1 Mobile Balloon Section, 08/43 to 01/44
AIR 29/964 - No.7 Maintenance Unit, 04/39 to 12/45
AIR 29/965 - No.7 Maintenance Unit (Appendix), 04/39 to 12/45

AIR 40/1556 - Analysis of Attacks on 'Starfish' Sites 1941/44.
AIR 40/1921, 1564, 1992 - Luftwaffe Order of Battle 1/41 to 10/41; 8/42 to 10/43; 1/43 to 11/45.
AIR 40/2334 to 2339 - No.80 Wing Intelligence Reports 1940/46.

AIR 41/1 - Balloon Defences 1914/45 (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/3 - Decoys and Deception (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/11 - History of the Royal Observer Corps (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/12 - Radar in Raid Reporting (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/13 - Radio Countermeasures (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/17 - Night Air Defence (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/46 - No.80 Wing History (AM Monograph).
AIR 41/49 - The Air Defence of Great Britain Volume V - The Struggle for Supremacy
January 1942 to May 1945. Also at AHB as Monograph II/117/3 and at RAF Museum.

Fighter Command Combat Reports 1942 (incomplete due to theft):-[

AIR 50/37 - No.87 Squadron, Charmy Down.
AIR 50/48 - No.125 Squadron, Colerne.
AIR 50/84 - No.219 Squadron, Tangmere.
AIR 50/98 - No.255 Squadron, High Erroll.
AIR 50/119 - No.307 Squadron, Exeter.
AIR 50/168 No.604 Squadron, Middle Wallop.

Army War Diaries - Anti-Aircraft Command AA Guns & Searchlights plus Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal

WO 166/2147 to 2161- 5th AA Division War Diary 1939/41.
WO 166/2089, 2090, 7348 - 8th AA Division War Diary 1941/42.
WO 166/7288 - 1st AA Corps, Southern England, 1942.
WO 166/7303, 11162, 14626 - 3rd AA Group War Diary 1942/44.
WO 166/2287, 2288, 7403, 11220, 14659 - 46th AA Brigade War Diary 1939/44.
WO 166/2323, 7426, 11240 - 69th AA Brigade War Diary 1941/43.
WO 166/3084 - 66th SL Regiment, Bristol, 1939/41.
WO 166/3086 - 68th SL Regiment, Bathford, 1939/41.
WO 166/3928 - No.853 (Quarrying) Company RE War Diary 1940/41.
WO/166/3999, 8413, 12356, 15467 - No.7 (Bomb Disposal) Company RE War Diary 1940/44.
WO 166/5796, 10234, 14092 - No.810 (SM) Company PC War Diary 1941/43.
WO 166/7815 - 68th SL Regiment, Bathford, 1942.
WO 166/7443 - 59th HAA Regiment, Bristol, 1942.
WO 166/7500 - 133rd(M) HAA Regiment, Bristol, 1942.
WO 166/7517 - 150th(M) HAA Regiment, Bristol, 1942.
WO 166/14096 - No.814 (SM) Company PC War Diary 1943.
WO 166/14626 - 3rd AA Group, Southern England, 1944.

Home Office Documents

HO186/535 - No.7 (South West) Civil Defence Region Monthly Reports.
HO 186/861 - Regional Commissioners Monthly Reports, April 1942.
HO 186/863 - Regional Commissioners Monthly Reports, June 1942.
HO 186/953 & HO 198/194 - No.7 (South West Region) Daily Summaries 1940/42 (incomplete). See also the collections of these Daily Summaries in the Gloucestershire and Somerset Archives at Gloucester and Taunton. The three collections allow a complete run to be obtained.

HO 186/2957 - The Story of No.7 (South West) Region. A Record Compiled at Regional Headquarters, 1946.

HO 192/862 - Bath Air Raid Reports (General), April 1942.
HO 192/863 - Bath Air Raid Reports (Detailed), April 1942.
HO 192/1570 - Bath Maps & Tracings, April 1942.
HO 192/1651 - Air Raid Assessment Reports (Bath etc), 1942.

HO 193/55 - Bath Bomb Plot Maps (4 x 6" Sheets), April 1942.
HO 193/63 - Weston super Mare Bomb Plot Maps (3), June 1942.
HO 193/80 - Weston super Mare Bomb plot Tracings, June 1942.

HO 198/57 - No.7 (SW Region) Bomb Census Reports, 1942.
HO 198/194 - No.7 (SW Region Daily) Intelligence Summaries (incomplete), 1940/42.
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Michael Holm's site is at <http://www.ww2.dk/>. It contains comprehensive details of German aircraft, and histories of nearly every Luftwaffe unit, formation and airfield used by them. Its list of Luftwaffe officers and their service records is extensive, while a number of other very useful articles on various aspects of the Luftwaffe are also provided.