



Record Details for Albert Edward Trott (Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve)

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First Name:	Albert Edward
Initials:	A E
Surname:	Trott
Nationality:	British
Date of Death:	13/11/1942
Rank:	Sergeant
Service Number:	959891
Campaign Medals:	<p>War Medal 1939-1945</p>  <p>As with most Armed Forces Serving Personal during the conflict of World War Two, Albert Edward Trott was entitled to the War Medal 1939-1945. This medal was awarded to all full time service personnel who had completed 28 days service between 3rd September 1939 and the 2nd September 1945. Eligible personnel who had been "Mentioned In Despatches" during the War were entitled to wear a bronze oak leaf emblem on the ribbon. Those eligible for a campaign star, yet who had their service cut short by death, wounds or capture by the enemy, still qualified for this medal.</p> <p>Buy Medals</p> <p>1939-45 Star</p>  <p>Given the information available to us it is likely that Albert Edward Trott was awarded the 1939-45 Star for operational Service in the Second World War between 3rd September 1939, and 2nd September 1945.</p> <p>Albert Edward Trott would have been awarded this star if their service period was terminated by their death or disability due to service. Also the award of a gallantry medal or "Mention In Despatches" also produced the award of this medal, regardless of their service duration.</p> <p>Fighter Aircraft Crew who took part in the Battle of Britain (10 July to 31 October 1940) were awarded the "Battle of Britain" bar to this medal. In undress uniform, a silver-gilt rosette was worn on the medal ribbon to denote the award of this clasp.</p> <p>Buy Medals</p>
Service:	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Regiment:	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Battalion:	97 Squadron (Why is this important?)
Commemorated:	Britain

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve during World War 2

More information about Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Formed: 1936

The RAFVR was formed in July 1936 to provide individuals to supplement the Auxiliary Air Force (AAF) which had been formed in 1925 by the local Territorial Associations. The AAF was organised on a Squadron basis, with local recruitment similar to the Territorial Army Regiments. Initially the RAFVR was composed of civilians recruited from the neighbourhoods of Reserve Flying Schools, which were run by civilian contractors who largely employed as instructors members of the Reserve of Air Force Officers (RAFO), who had previously completed a four year short service commission as pilots in the RAF. Navigation instructors were mainly former master mariners without any air experience. Recruits were confined to men of between 18 and 25 years of age who had been accepted for part time training as Pilots, Observers and Wireless Operators. The object was to provide a reserve of aircrew for use in the event of war. By September 1939, the RAFVR comprised 6,646 Pilots, 1,625 Observers and 1,946 Wireless Operators

When war broke out in 1939 the Air Ministry employed the RAFVR as the principal means for aircrew entry to serve with the RAF. A civilian volunteer on being accepted for aircrew training took an oath of allegiance ('attestation') and was then inducted into the RAFVR. Normally he returned to his civilian job for several months until he was called up for aircrew training. During this waiting period he could wear a silver RAFVR lapel badge to indicate his status.

By the end of 1941 more than half of Bomber Command aircrew were members of the RAFVR. Most of the pre-war pilot and observer NCO aircrew had been commissioned and the surviving regular officers and members of the RAFO filled the posts of flight and squadron commanders. Eventually of the "RAF" aircrew in the Command probably more than 95% were serving members of the RAFVR.



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