

Pilot Officer FRANK HENRY ELLIS

118619, 115 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died age 29 on 18 September 1942

Son of Harry Oswald Ellis and Daisy Ellis, of Painswick, Gloucestershire.
Remembered with honour on the RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL



P.O. Ellis is commemorated on the plaque for *Grammar School* pupils but, perhaps because his parents did not live in the town, the *Register* did not communicate his fate.

*115 Squadron*¹, after November 1941, flew Wellington Mk IIIs, giving the squadron greater power and more firepower in the rear turret: this improved the quality of the raids. Another new method to enhance the effect of the raids was carried out by No. 115 when flares were dropped to illuminate the targets for the main force of bombers. This was soon followed by the first 'thousand-bomber' raid, against Cologne on 30 May. In September the squadron forsook its traditional base at Marham for **Mildenhall**, Suffolk.

It was in September that **P.O. Ellis** lost his life in unknown circumstances.



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Website: <http://freespace.virgin.net/paul.hunt3/units/115Sq.html>