

Date	Description - as recorded on RAF redacted service records: 1383402 & 191485	Description - verbose
21 Jan 1920	Errol Walton Barrow born	<p>Errol Walton Barrow was a son of Rev. Reginald Grant Barrow and Ruth nee O'Neal in Nesfield, in the parish of St. Lucy.</p> <p>At age 19, Barrow was named an Island Scholar in Classics to pursue studies at Codrington College. Instead, he decided to teach at Foundation School before volunteering to serve with the RAF during World War II.</p>
Nov 1940	The Second Contingent in Barbados in support of the RAF leaves Barbados	<p>The Barbados Second Contingent was recruited to support the RAF and departed Barbados in November 1940. The 12 men selected included: Charles Parnell King, J.S. Partridge, Arthur Adolphus Walrond, J.L.L. Yearwood, Mark Radford Cuke, Errol W. Barrow, Grey Doyle Cumberbatch, Andrew P.C. Dunlop, H.E.S. Worme, G.A. Barrow, A.O. Weekes, Bruce F.H. Miller.</p> <p>Subsequently killed were: Sgt. Charles Parnell King, Sgt. Arthur Adolphus Walrond, Pilot Mark Radford Cuke, Sgt Grey Doyle Cumberbatch, Flying Officer Andrew P.C. Dunlop, Pilot Officer Bruce F.H. Miller.</p>
31 Dec 1940	Euston /2RC Cardington	Euston Central Recruitment Centre RAF Volunteer Reserve / No: 2 Recruitment Centre, RAF Cardington, Bedfordshire. Barrow enrolled as Aircraftman No 2 Class, RAF Official Number: 1383402
15 Feb 1941	12 O.T.U.	No. 12 Operational Training Unit was formed in April 1940 as part of No. 1 Group RAF Bomber Command at RAF Benson to train light bomber aircrew.
09 Apr 1941	10 S.R.C.	No. 10 Signals Recruit Centre Blackpool.
25 Jul 1941	2 Signal Sch	No.2 Signals School at Yatesbury which trained airborne wireless operators
24 Oct 1941	SHQ Marham	Station HQ RAF Marham
01 Jan 1942	Promoted to AC1	Promoted to Aircraftman No 1 Class (AC1)
18 May 1942	A.C.D.C	Air Crew Despatch Centre
20 Aug 1942	17 I.T.W.	No 17 Initial Training Wing was formed on 13 October 1941 at Belvedere House, Esplanade, Scarborough and disbanded on 4 October 1944.
28 Aug 1942	Promoted to LAC	Promoted to Leading Aircraftman
08 Sep 1942	A.C.D.C. S.I.G.Q. (H.F.P.T.S)	A.C.D.C. S.I.G.Q. (H.F.P.T.S). No. 5 Air Crew Despatch Centre - Heaton Park Manchester, where they were assembled into drafts and

		<p>assigned to convoys bound for Canada or South Africa.</p> <p>On passing their ITW course cadets moved to begin their professional flying training. By early 1942 overseas training was the norm.</p>
20 Oct 1942	A.C.D.C.	Air Crew Despatch Centre destined for Canada
13 Feb 1943	Canada - No.2 E.F.T.S. No. 2 M. D. Brandon, Manitoba	Canada - No.2 Elementary Flying Training School No. 2 Manning Depot Brandon, Manitoba for Initial Flying Training and streaming
22 Ap 1943		
unknown	9 A.O.S.	No. 9 Air Observers School was at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. Air Observers were later called "navigators". For recruits in this stream, the training path after ITS was 8 weeks at an Air Observer School, 1 month at a Bombing & Gunnery School, and finally 1 month at a Navigation School.
26 Nov 1943	Promoted to Sergeant	Promoted to Sergeant
27 Nov 1943	31 G.R.S.	No. 31 General Reconnaissance School was a Royal Air Force Second World War flight training school located at RCAF Station Charlottetown located in Sherwood, Prince Edward Island. The school trained pilots and observers in the techniques of patrolling oceans using the Avro Anson. The school became part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in 1942.
23 Jan 1944	31 O.T.U.	No. 31 Operational Training Unit, Debert, Nova Scotia (Lockheed Hudson, Avro Anson). The OTU was the last stop for aircrew trainees. They spent 8 to 14 weeks flight training in operational aircraft.
7 Apr 1944	Crew No. 31/48/416 - Graduates of Course no. 48 No. 31 Operational Training Unit RAF Debert N.S.	Crew No. 31/48/416 - Graduates of Course no. 48 No. 31 Operational Training Unit RAF Debert N.S. - 7 April 1944 P/O Andrew Leslie Cole RAF (Pilot) 153770, SGT Errol Walton Barrow RAF Navigator & Bomber) 1383402, SGT Leo Leslie J Schultz RAAF (Wireless/Air gunner) AUS.424694 & SGT Robert Allen Stewart RAAF (Wireless/Air gunners) AUS.424070
25 Jun 1944	S... Canada	Departed Canada on completion of training in transit
03 Jul 1944	Disembarked UK 7 P.R.C.	Disembarked UK. No. 7 Personnel Reception Centre. This consisted of a number of requisitioned hotels in the centre of Harrogate
14 Aug 1944	13 O.T.U.	No. 13 Operational Training Unit at RAF Bicester, to train Douglas Boston light day bomber aircrew.

14 Sep 1944	2 G.S.U.	No. 2 Ground Servicing Unit – in transit to 88 Squadron
14 Sep 1944	88 Squadron	88 Squadron, 2nd Tactical Air Force who flew Douglas Boston Light bombers. The squadron had relocated to RAF Hartford Bridge, Hampshire with its sister squadron No. 342 Squadron as part of 137 wing of No.2 Group of the 2nd Tactical Air Force in preparation for the invasion of Europe. From there the squadron attacked German communications and airfields. In October 1944 the squadron returned to France based at Vitry en Artois to join the tactical air forces that were supporting the Allied armies as they advanced across Europe.
01 Nov 1944	Good Conduct Badge, 1st, A	Good Conduct Badge, 1st, A
03 Nov 1944	Commissioned as a Pilot Officer on probation (emergency)	Commissioned as a Pilot Officer on probation (emergency) after 3 years 309 days service. RAF Official Number: 1383402 changed to 191485. Gazetted on 27 March 1945
04 Nov 1944	85 Sqdn.	No. 85 Group Communication Squadron, which changed its name to the BAFO Communication Squadron, when 2nd Tactical Air Force (TAF) became British Air Force of Occupation (BAFO)
08 Mar 1945	No. 88 Sqd.	Returns to 88 Squadron who flew Bostons
26 th Mar 1945		Barrow's last recorded operation flown, in Boston BZ432/V for Victor. Errol Barrow has flown on 45 operational sorties while with no. 88 Squadron.
04 Apr 1945		88 Squadron disbanded at the end of the war in Europe.
06 Apr 1945	85 Gp. Bomm. Sqdn.	Returns to No. 85 Group Communication Squadron when 88 Squadron disbanded.
04 May 1945	Confirmation and promotion from Pilot Officer to Flying Officer	Confirmation and promotion as a Pilot Officer. Gazetted on 29 June 1945. Listing on record read: Aircrew category - Navigator. Confirmed in appt promoted to F/O(w)
08 May 1945	VE Day	Victory in Europe.
10 Nov 1945	Postponement of Release - 12 months C.R. (12 months crossed out and 6 written in)	Postponement of Release - 12 months C.R. (12 months crossed out and 6 written in)
18 Nov 1945	Marries Carolyn Marie Plaskett	Marries Carolyn Marie Plaskett
12 Mar 1946	BAFO Comm Wing	No. 85 Group Communication Squadron becomes British Air Forces of Occupation (B.A.F.O) Communication Squadron.

		Barrow becomes personal navigator to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Sholto Douglas, commander of the RAF in Germany.
18 Mar 1946	BAFO Comm Wing	British Airforce Occupation Communications Wing
15 Nov 1946	Postponement of Release - 12 months C.R.	Postponement of Release - 12 months C.R.
10 Jun 1947	East Misc / 270 AM?	?
05 Oct 1947	No. 101 P.D.C	Personnel Despatch Centre
09 Oct 1947	No. 101 P.D.C	At No 101 Personnel Dispatch Centre at Kirkham in Lancashire, Barrow would have been presented with a new uniform - navy blue pinstripe suit, grey raincoat, shoes, tie and trilby hat to carry him into 'Civvy Street'. The last page of his 'Service and Release Book' would have been signed and a VAS (Visual Analogue Scale) psychometric test would have suggested a future career - maybe Law, Economics and Politics?
06 Jan 1948	Flying Officer (Sulo) with seniority g: 4.11.45 - 1.11.47	Gazette listing from service record: Flying Officer (Sulo) with seniority: 4.11.45 - 1.11.47
1947 -1949	Reads Law at Law at the Inns of Court.	Read Law at Law at the Inns of Court. He was called to the Bar in 1949.
1947 - 1950	Reads Economics at London School of Economics.	Read Economics at London School of Economics completing his degree in 1950. During that time, Barrow also served as Chairman of the Council of Colonial Students where his contemporaries included: Forbes Burnham (PM of Guyana), Michael Manley (PM of Jamaica), Pierre Trudeau (PM of Canada) and Lee Kwan Yew (PM of Singapore).
25 Nov 1950	Disembarked Barbados	Barrow returned to Barbados in 1950 aboard S.S. Golfito, Elders and Fyfe line . He was elected to the Barbados Parliament in 1951 as a member of the Barbados Labour Party (BLP). The rest is history and well documented...
13 Apr 1951	Resigns commission and retains rank	Resigns his commission in the R.A.F.V.R. and retains rank, gazetted on 1 May 1951
01 Jun 1987	Died	Errol Barrow died while in office of a heart attack at his beach house: Kampala.