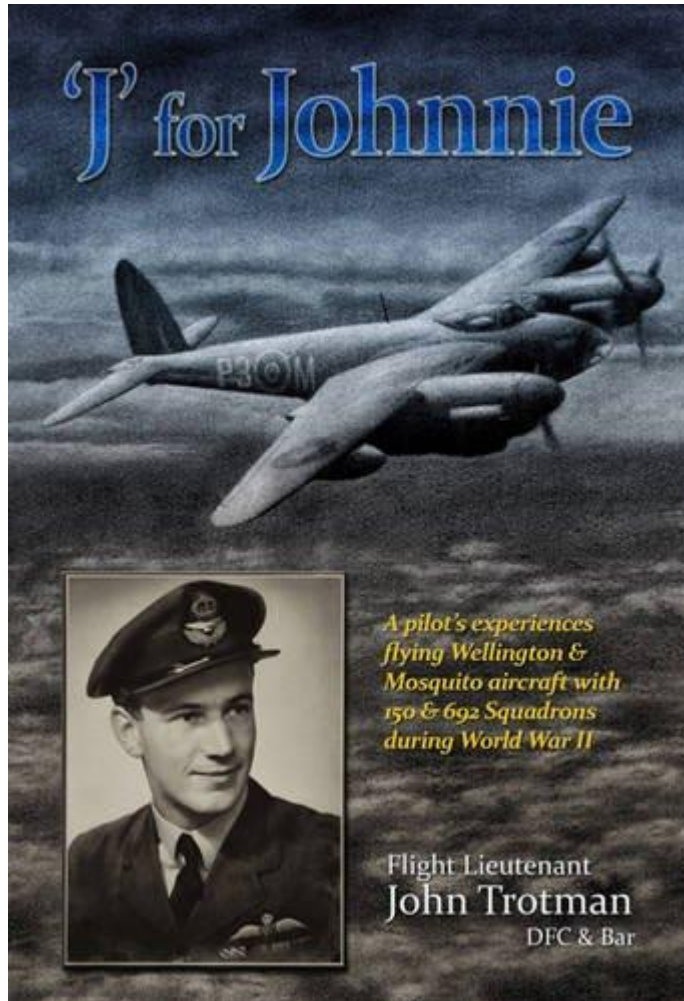


## 'J' for Johnnie



In this remarkable book, John Trotman DFC recalls his airborne exploits as a pilot with RAF Bomber Command during World War II.

In the course of 5½ years, he clocked up over 2,000 flying hours, completed two operational tours, flew 70 sorties and walked away from three crashes – an extraordinary record. His recollections of these missions, plus many other details of his activities at the time, combine to paint a vivid picture of the life of a wartime bomber pilot.

His first tour was with 150 Squadron, based at RAF Snaith in Yorkshire, flying a Vickers Wellington III (call-sign 'J' for Johnnie) to attack many German cities, including Cologne, Hamburg, Munich and Ludwigshafen. After a spell as a flying instructor at RAF Tilstock and RAF Peplow he volunteered for a second operational tour and was soon flying a de Havilland Mosquito XVI with 692 Squadron, based at RAF Graveley in Cambridgeshire and part of the Pathfinder Force.

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