

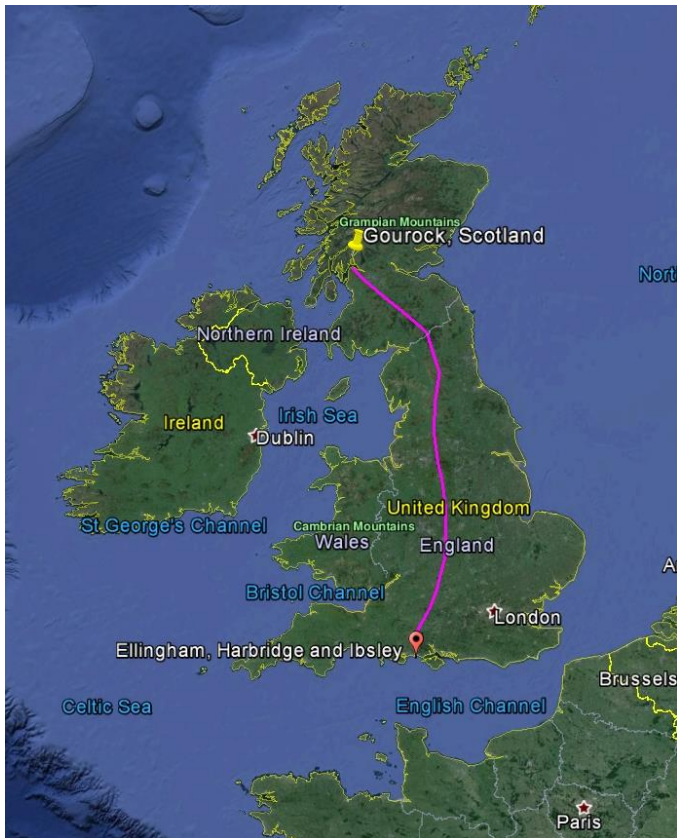
Gourock , Scotland - March 27, 1943

(Scottish Gaelic: *Guireag*), pimple-shaped or rounded, pronounced [kuˈɾak]; *GOOR-uck*) is a town falling within the Inverclyde council area and formerly forming a burgh of the historic county of Renfrewshire in the west central Lowlands of Scotland. It has in the past functioned as a seaside resort on the Firth of Clyde. Its principal function today, however, is as a popular residential area, extending contiguously from Greenock, with a railway terminus and ferry services across the Clyde.





The Gourock pier is still visible in this recent photo. The train station where the airmen embarked for air bases in England can be seen at water's edge above and right of the pier.



The train ride from Gourock to Ibsley Airbase in England was an arduous two day 400 mile journey for the airmen who had just completed an uncomfortable 7 day trans-Atlantic crossing on the troop ship RMS Queen Mary. They were unaware they would be flying their first combat missions over Normandy, France, in three weeks.

