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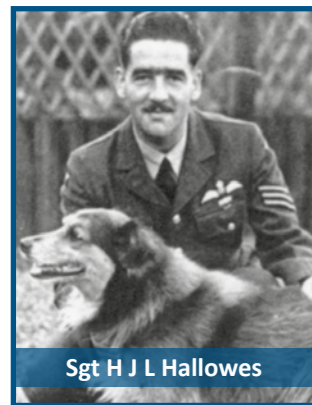
## SQUADRON



Aircraft Type: HURRICANE  
Code letters: FT  
Radio Call sign:

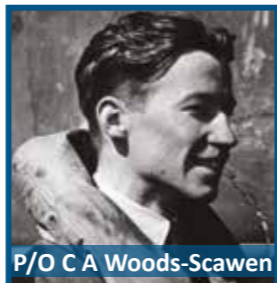
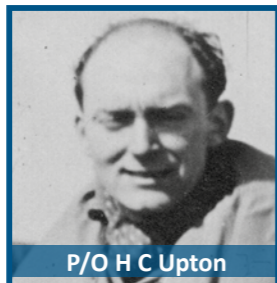
Motto, *Gloria finis* (Glory the aim) known as The "Fighting Cocks". Led by S/L John Badger from 10 July until he was shot down on 30 August. Rhodesian F/L Caesar Hull took command until he too was shot down on 7 September. Acting S/L Thomas Dalton-Morgan then took command. Heavily involved until withdrawn to the north for a rest on 8 September.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS		AIRCRAFT	
01/07/40	01/08/40	Northolt	11	67	33	Killed	11	Lost	23
01/08/40	08/09/40	Tangmere	11	25	25	Injured	12	Damaged	24
08/09/40	12/12/40	Usworth	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	POW	0		



### TOP TEN SCORING SQUADRON PILOTS

PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
Sgt H.J.L. Hallowes	15	10	1	3	0	1	0
P/O F.R. Carey	12	4	0	2	0	6	0
F/L T.F. Dalton-Morgan	12	6	2	2	0	2	0
P/O H.C. Upton	12	9	1	2	0	0	0
P/O C.A. Woods-Scawen	12	4	0	6	0	0	2
S/L J.V.C. Badger	11	6	2	0	0	3	0
P/O D.G. Gorrie	7	1	2	3	0	1	0
Sgt C.A.L. Hurry	7	3	0	2	0	3	0
Sgt G.W. Jefferys	5	4	0	2	0	0	0
P/O R. Lane	5	1	0	0	0	2	2



Aircraft Type: HURRICANE  
Code letters: PO  
Radio Call sign: ANGEL

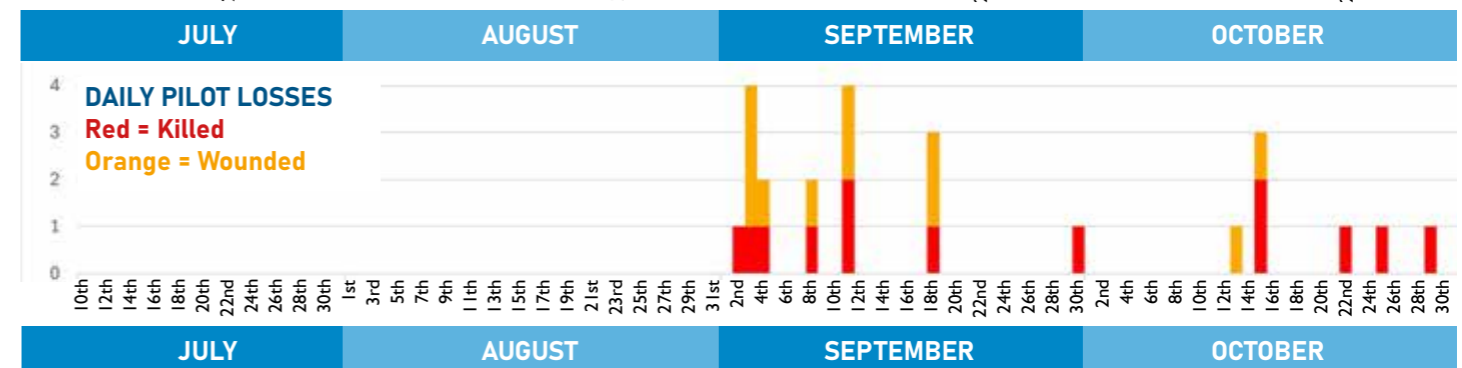
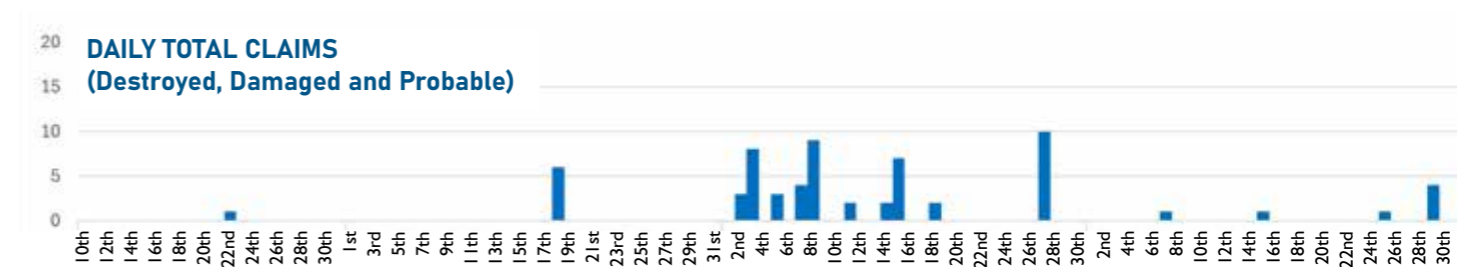
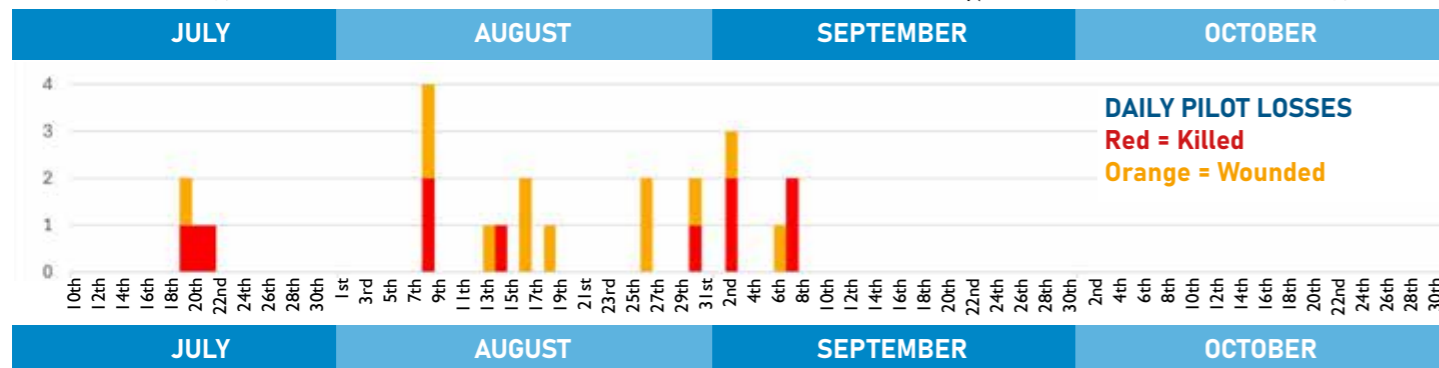
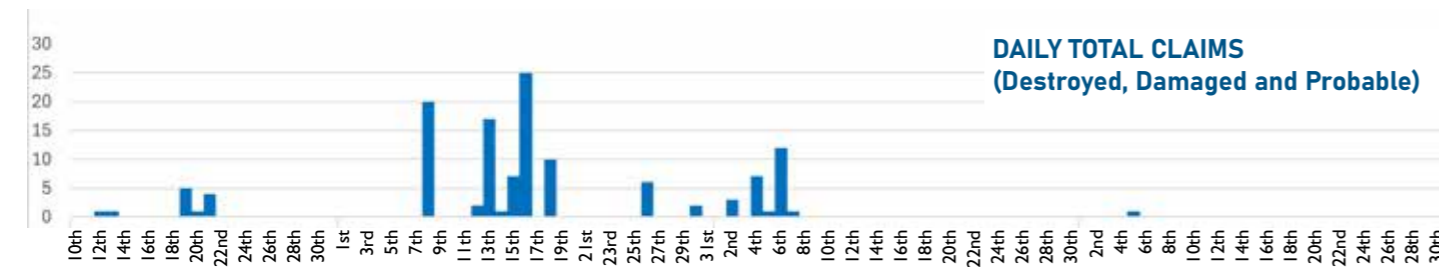
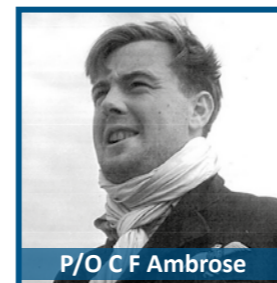


Motto, *We rise to conquer*. Uganda Squadron. Lost many of its pilots when HMS Glorious was sunk returning from Norway on 8 June 1940. The squadron had to re-equip and re-train before moving south in September, seeing intense action for the final two months of the Battle. Scotsman F/L Alexander Rabagliati flew a Hurricane armed with four 20mm cannons on 5 September, claiming an Me109 with it.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS		AIRCRAFT	
13/06/40	01/09/40	Digby	12	25	10	Killed	13	Lost	20
01/09/40	08/11/40	Stapleford Tawney	11	28	28	Injured	11	Damaged	10
				<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	POW	0		

### TOP TEN SCORING SQUADRON PILOTS

PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
F/L A.C. Rabagliati	11	6	0	1	0	4	0
P/O C.F. Ambrose	10	2	0	1	0	7	0
Sgt E. Tyrer	6	1	0	2	0	2	1
P/O W.B. Pattullo	5	3	1	2	0	1	1
P/O A.E. Johnson	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
P/O R. Reid	4	2	0	1	0	1	0
Sgt E. Bloor	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
F/O P.R. McGregor	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
Sgt S. Andrew	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sub/Lt (FAA) J.C. Carpenter	2	2	0	0	0	0	0



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## SQUADRON



Aircraft Type: SPITFIRE  
Code letters: KL  
Radio Call sign: RABBIT

Motto, *Audax omnia perpeti* (Boldness endures everything). Led by S/L James Leathart from May until 18 September, when Olympic Hurdler S/L Donald Finlay took over. Among its most famous pilots were New Zealander 'Al' Deere, and fellow New Zealander Colin Gray who became the highest-scoring New Zealand Ace. Only saw action in the first two months of the Battle before being withdrawn to the north.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS	AIRCRAFT		
25/06/40	24/07/40	Rochford	11	46	41	Killed	4	Lost	17
24/07/40	28/07/40	Hornchurch	11	31	31	Injured	9	Damaged	7
28/07/40	08/08/40	Catterick	13			POW	0		
08/08/40	03/09/40	Hornchurch	11						
03/09/40	23/02/41	Catterick	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>				



### TOP TEN SCORING SQUADRON PILOTS

PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
F/O C.F. Gray	25	12	1	7	1	4	0
F/L D.G. Gribble	19	5	2	4	0	7	1
F/O D.A.P. McMullen	15	9	4	5	1	6	0
F/O A.C. Deere	9	2	0	6	0	1	0
F/L J.A. Leathart	7	2	0	3	0	2	0
F/O H.K.F. Matthews	7	2	0	5	0	1	0
Sgt J.K. Norwell	7	3	3	1	0	5	0
Sgt R.H. Robbins	6	3	0	0	0	3	0
P/O E.F. Edsall	5	3	1	3	0	1	0
P/O W.P. Hopkin	5	4	1	0	0	4	0



Aircraft Type: HURRICANE  
Code letters: US  
Radio Call sign: BAFFIN

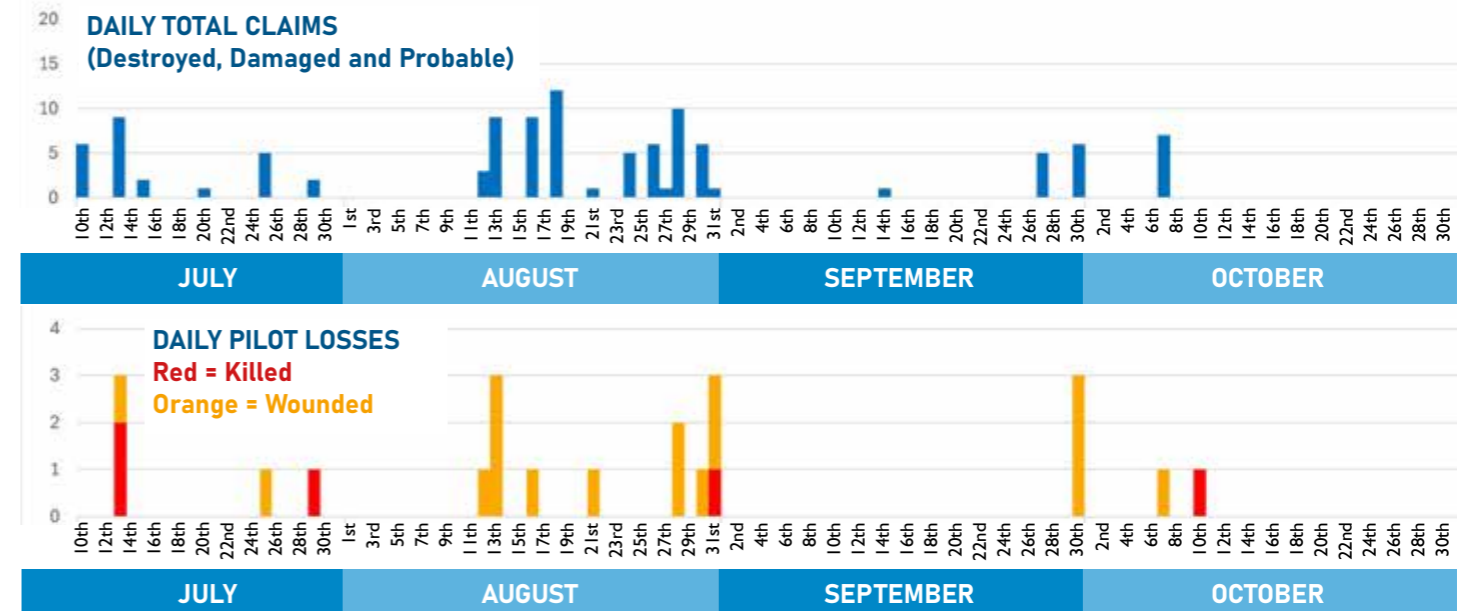
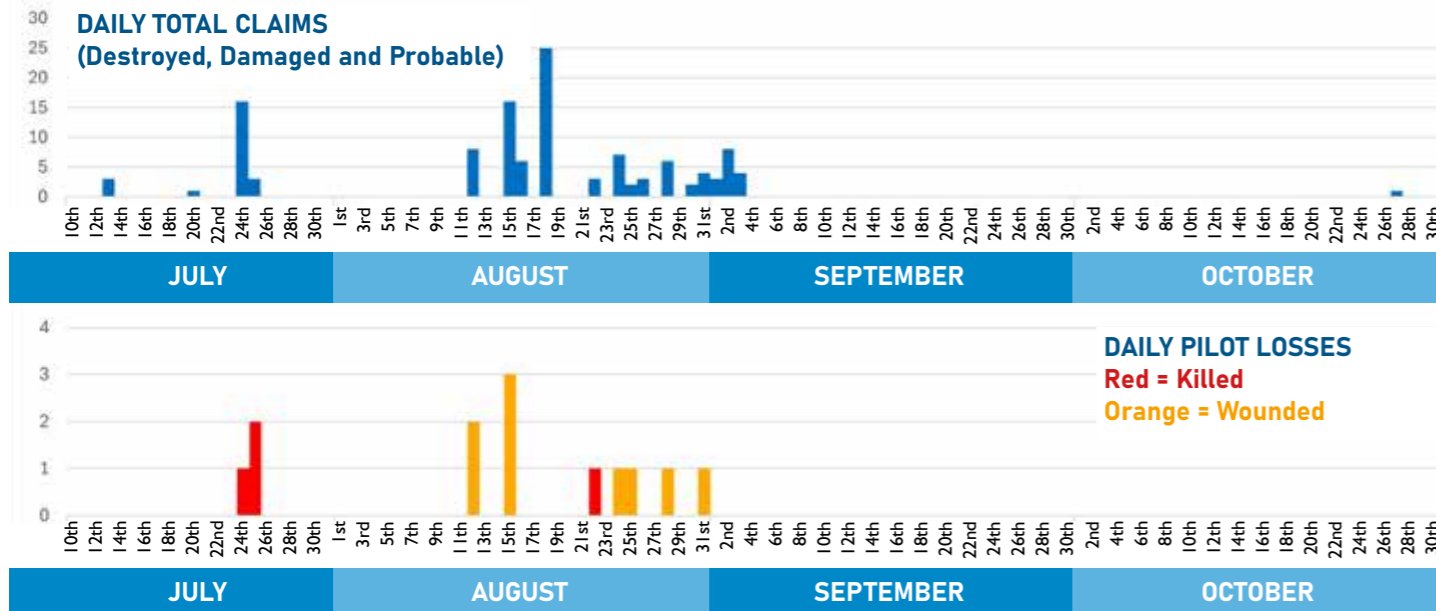
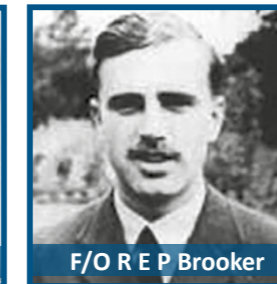
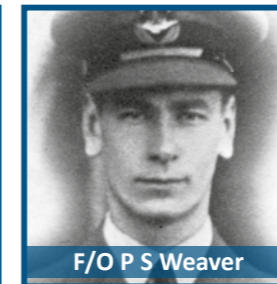


Motto, *Quid si coelum ruat* (What if heaven falls). Known as The Firebirds, from its Phoenix badge. A notable personality was Alan Geoffrey Page, who was severely burned when shot down on 12 August. He underwent plastic surgery by Archibald McIndoe and spent two years in hospital recovering from his burns. He was a founder-member of the Guinea Pig Club.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS	AIRCRAFT		
05/06/40	01/09/40	North Weald	11	51	27	Killed	5	Lost	30
01/09/40	29/11/40	Boscombe Down	10	29	29	Injured	17	Damaged	9
				<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	POW	0		

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PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
F/L E.J. Gracie	12	5	2	2	0	3	0
P/O F.W. Higginson	11	5	1	2	0	3	0
F/O P.S. Weaver	10	7	2	0	0	1	0
F/O R.E.P. Brooker	7	2	0	2	0	3	0
P/O M.H. Mounsdon	6	2	0	2	0	2	0
F/O I.B. Westmacott	6	2	2	0	0	2	0
F/Sgt C. Whitehead	6	1	2	2	0	1	0
F/O J.H. Coghlan	5	1	0	2	0	2	0
P/O K.J. Marston	5	4	0	0	0	1	0
Sgt P.E.M. Robinson	5	1	0	0	0	4	0



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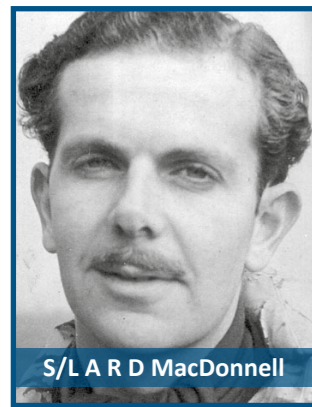
## SQUADRON



Aircraft Type: SPITFIRE  
Code letters: SH  
Radio Call sign: FREEMA

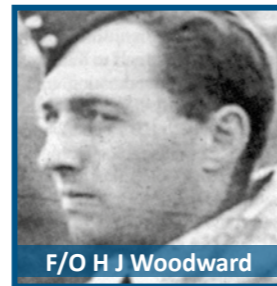
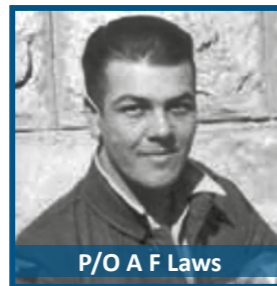
Motto, *Tenax propositi* (Firm of purpose). Led from 19 July by S/Ldr Aenas MacDonell, who took over from S/L Norman Odbert, who was posted to Northern Ireland. Heavily involved in the early weeks of the Battle, the squadron moved out of 11 Group on 19 August, the day after the Kenley Raid, and saw little action after that. Two French airmen flew with squadron, Adj Maurice Choron and Adj Xavier de Montbron.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS		AIRCRAFT	
16/05/40	19/08/40	Kenley	11	36	18	Killed	5	Lost	11
19/08/40	13/10/40	Leconfield	13	25	25	Injured	4	Damaged	17
13/10/40	15/10/40	Biggin Hill	11			POW	1		
15/10/40	11/11/40	Coltishall	12	<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>				



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PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
S/L A.R.D. MacDonnell	18	8	1	4	0	5	0
F/O J.J. O'Meara	10	4	2	3	0	3	0
Sub/Lt (FAA) F. Dawson-Paul	7	6	0	1	0	0	0
P/O A.F. Laws	6	4	1	0	0	1	0
Sgt J. Mann	6	1	0	4	0	1	0
F/O H.J. Woodward	5	3	0	2	0	0	0
P/O E.G. Gilbert	4	0	1	1	0	2	0
F/O A.J.A. Laing	4	0	0	1	0	1	2
Sgt P.S. Hawke	3	1	0	1	0	1	0
F/L L.F. Henstock	3	0	0	0	0	3	0



Aircraft Type: SPITFIRE  
Code letters: YT  
Radio Call sign:

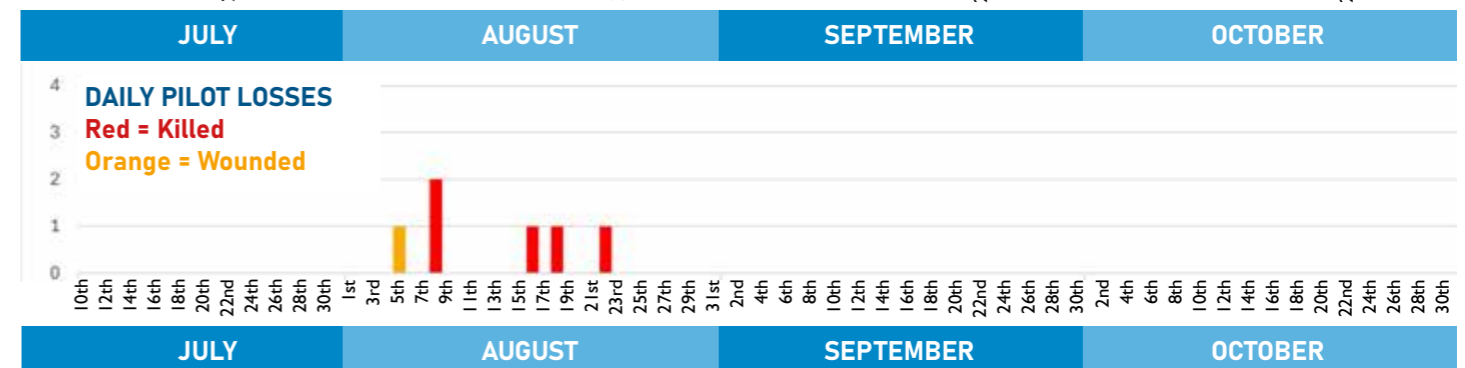
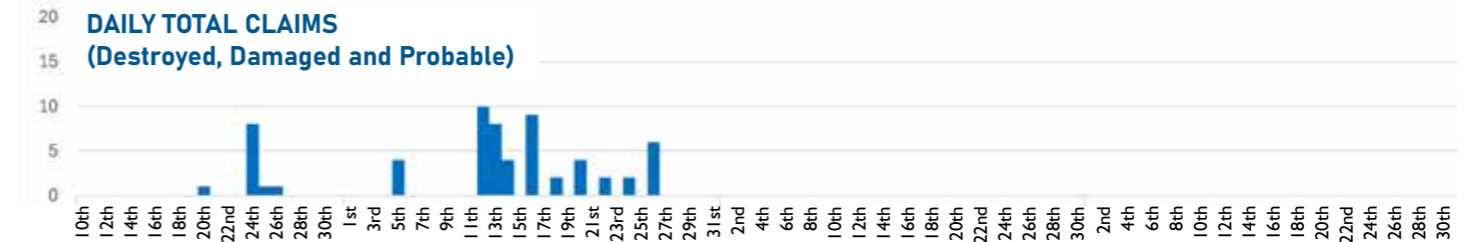
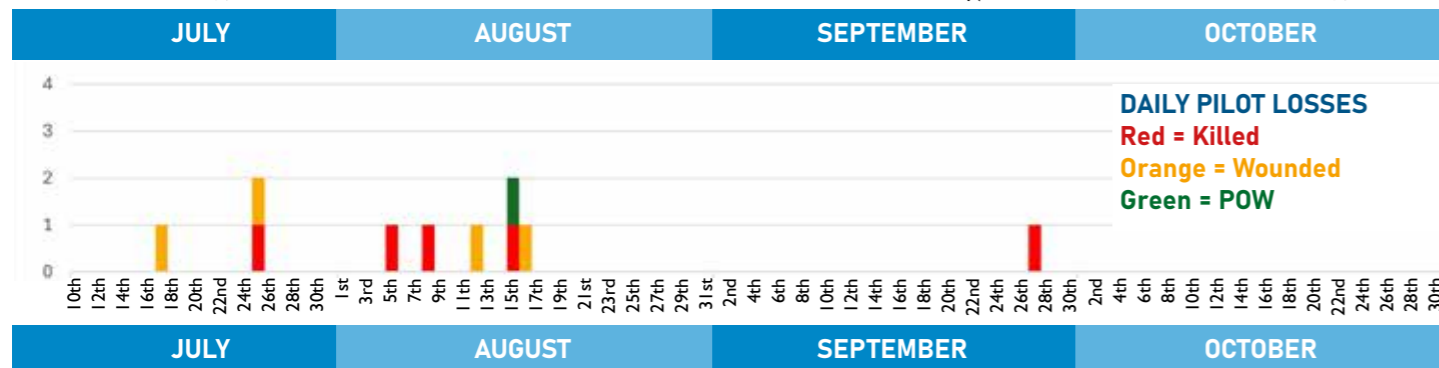
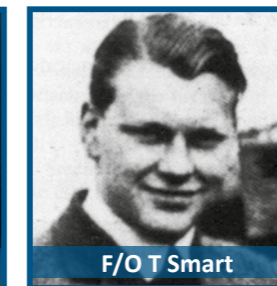
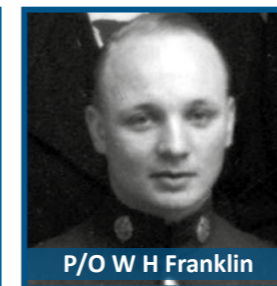


Motto, *Vi et armis* (By force of arms). In July it was gifted eight Spitfires by the East India Fund and officially named 'East India Squadron'. Led by S/L Henry Sawyer until he was killed on 2 August when taking-off at night in a Spitfire. He was replaced by S/L Arthur Holland. Among its notable pilots were Irishman Brendan 'Paddy' Finucane and Supermarine Test Pilot, Jeffrey Quill, who flew in August to gain operational experience. Only saw action in July and August.

AIRFIELDS				TOTAL CLAIMS		TOTAL LOSSES			
ARRIVED	DEPARTED	AIRFIELD	GROUP	Destroyed	Probable	PILOTS		AIRCRAFT	
05/06/40	27/08/40	Hornchurch	11	23	22	Killed	5	Lost	7
27/08/40	29/11/40	Turnhouse	13	15	15	Injured	1	Damaged	7
				<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	POW	0		

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PILOT	TOTAL	DESTROYED	SHARED DESTROYED	PROBABLE	SHARED PROBABLE	DAMAGED	SHARED DAMAGED
Sgt J.R. Kilner	9	4	0	4	0	1	0
F/L C.G.C. Olive	9	4	0	5	0	0	0
P/O W.H. Franklin	8	5	0	1	0	2	0
F/O T. Smart	6	2	0	4	0	0	0
F/O B.E.F. Finucane	4	2	0	2	0	0	0
F/Sgt R.R. MacPherson	4	1	1	1	0	1	0
S/L H.C. Sawyer	4	0	0	1	0	3	0
P/O J.B.H. Nicholas	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
F/O J.K. Quill	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
P/O E.D. Glaser	2	0	0	1	1	0	0



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