

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

“Battle of Britain”



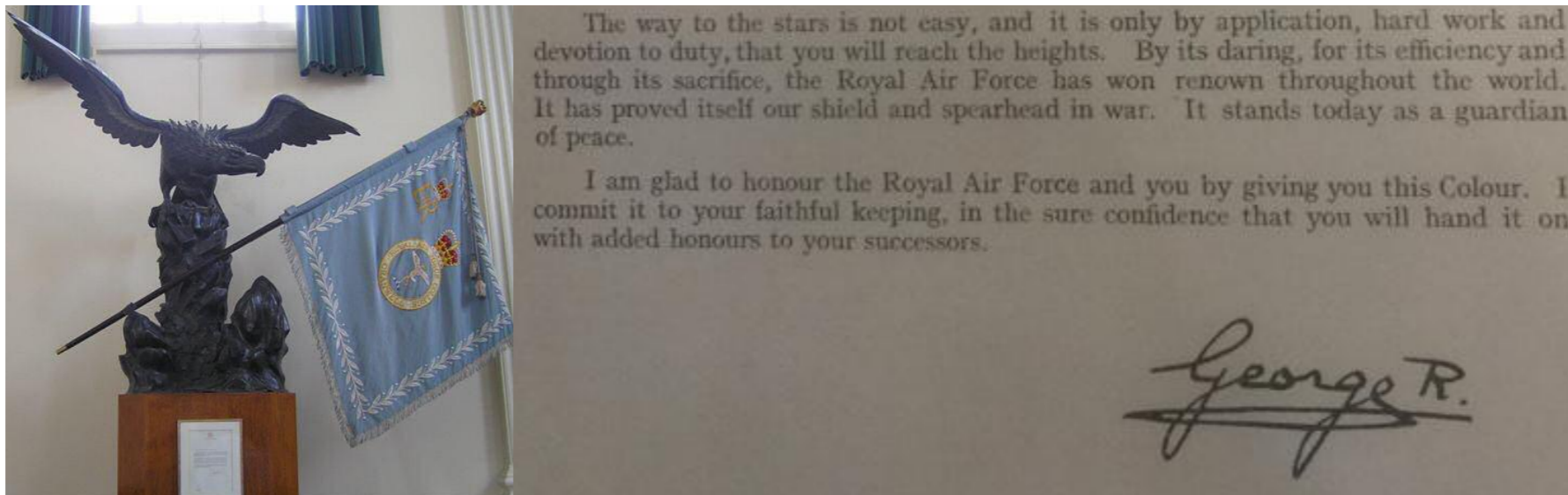
A Tribute to the Cranwellian Few

Battle of Britain - the Cranwellian Contribution

By the outbreak of the Second World War, some 956 Flight Cadets from 36 Entries had passed out of the RAF College into the RAF; 134 cadets from a further six pre-war entries had their training abruptly terminated, the College being closed for officer training when war was declared. Some, like AH Humphrey (later MRAF Sir Andrew Humphrey) who had not completed officer training, were enlisted as airmen u/t pilots to undergo flying training at the Service Flying Training School (SFTS - later 17 FTS) set up at RAF Cranwell. Others transferred to the RAFVR.

Research suggests that 108 Cranwellians (90 flight cadets, 17 SFTS trained pilots and a transferee to the RAFVR) took part in the Battle of Britain, 31 pilots sacrificing their lives in combat and forming our 'Roll of Honour' presented on the last page of this tribute. Each pilot carried out at least one authorised operational sortie with an eligible unit of the RAF in the Battle, between 0001hrs on 10th July and 2359 hrs on 31st October 1940, and thus qualified for the award of the Battle of Britain Clasp to the 1939-45 Star. Each will have been driven by a devotion to duty symbolised by the College Colours, awarded by HM King George VI and later HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen's colour is held by a large bronze eagle, donated by Sir Philip Sassoon - Secretary of State for Air 1933 - at the west end of the RAF College Dining Room.



As His Majesty King George VI declared in 1948, "...by its daring... efficiency... and sacrifice... the RAF... has proved itself our shield and spearhead in war... a guardian of peace."

The Colour is a symbol of our devotion and our personal relationship with the monarch.

Instigated by Peter Symes (76B Entry), volunteers have completed a thorough analysis into authoritative manuals written by Wynn and Mason, and also into archived RAF College records. On the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, we are thus able to pay fitting tribute to those gallant Cranwellians who defended our nation in our hour of need. This booklet records their outstanding contribution lest we forget the price they paid through "their prowess and their devotion" {WSC}.

Battle of Britain - Timeline

STAGE ONE: 10 JULY-12 AUGUST 1940

The German Luftwaffe attacked sites along the British coast and ships in the English Channel by dropping bombs. British shipping was also being attacked by German E-boats and coastal guns from France.

In July, the Germans began preparations for Operation Sea Lion, the planned invasion of Britain. A central part of the plan was that there should be no air defences or aircraft capable of attacking German troops as they approached from the sea and on reaching Britain.



STAGE TWO: 13-18 AUGUST 1940

The Germans started to focus the bombing raids on British airfields and radar stations. The German bombers were accompanied by fighters, which the British pilots and ground defences (anti-aircraft guns) needed to stop in addition to the bombers.

The main German air-intensive assault was planned for 10 August but delayed by weather till 13 August, known to the Luftwaffe as Adlertag - Eagle Day. That day was planned as

the start of the final stages of the air attack. In harbours in occupied Europe, German ships were prepared for the sea attack.

One of the hardest days of fighting between the RAF and the Luftwaffe was 18 August. Both sides took some of their heaviest casualties in one day's fighting of the battle. The Germans managed to destroy British aircraft and to damage their airfields, but they did not stop the RAF from fighting back, and no sea invasion could be launched.

STAGE THREE: 19 AUGUST-6 SEPTEMBER 1940

The Luftwaffe began to bomb more non-military and industrial sites, and increased bombing of towns and cities as well. The attacks went beyond the south-east coast and up into the South West, the Midlands, the North East of England and into Scotland.

The British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, made a

speech on 20 August that paid tribute to the courageous and important work and fighting of the RAF personnel.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

After attacks on British cities, the RAF sent its first aircraft to bomb Berlin on 25 August.



STAGE FOUR: 7 SEPTEMBER-31 OCTOBER 1940

The German reaction to attack on Berlin was to shift their air attack to the bombing of cities. Mass raids were launched - The Blitz had started. On 15 September, one of the heaviest bombing raids was launched against London. However, RAF Fighter Command continued to attack the Luftwaffe, and the Germans suffered huge losses. The day became known as Battle of Britain Day, and forced Hitler to postpone the invasion.

The Germans had damaged airfields and factories, but not enough to stop Bomber Command responding or aircraft being built. The radar stations suffered little damage, which

meant that the early warning system was not stopped for any length of time during the battle.

Instead, night raids on British cities were increased, to try to exhaust the British public and to reduce German casualties. By the end of October, the Battle of Britain was over; this was the first defeat for the German war machine; it was to change the face of World War 2. Apart from a momentary lull, the Blitz would continue for years, as would aerial attacks, but the Germans would never mount a full-scale attack on Britain again.

Battle of Britain - The Threat to Cranwellians



Messerschmitt Bf109



Messerschmitt Bf110



Heinkel HE 111



Junkers Ju 88



Heinkel HE 59



Dornier DO 215



Junkers Ju 87



Dornier DO 17

Battle of Britain - Cranwellians “Scramble”

Research suggests that Cranwellians were posted to 50 different RAF squadrons and units during the Battle of Britain. Before we detail individual successes and losses, we show here the ORBAT within which their squadrons operated. Most operated within one of four regional Groups throughout the Battle, but four were redeployed “Pan-Group” throughout Fighter Command during the Battle.

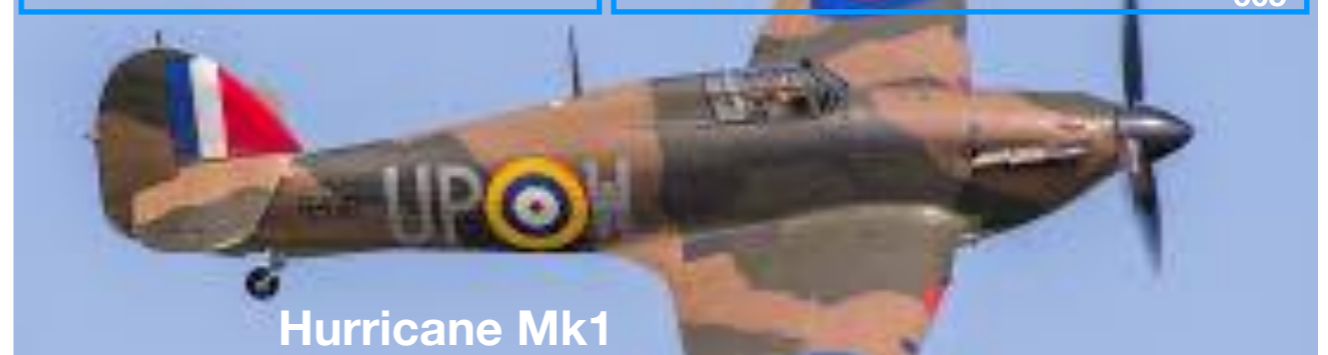
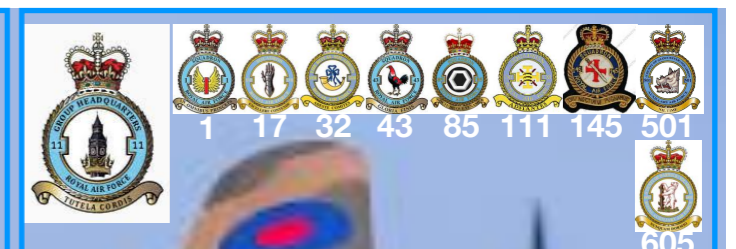
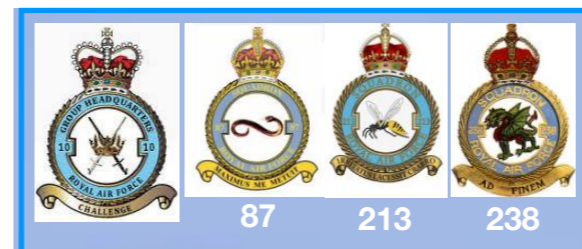
Cranwellians made invaluable contributions on other squadrons and units, too many to show pictorially in one graphic, not least with 19, 29, 65, 151, 232, 234, 247, 257, 312 (Czech), 601, 603, 610, 615, and 616 Squadrons and the Fighter Interception Unit formed at RAF Tangmere under the command of Cranwellian Sqn Ldr GP Chamberlain.



“Pan-Group” Squadrons



Battle of Britain - Cranwellians Defending the Nation



Battle of Britain Stage 1 - Cranwellians' Tally (Ho)

STAGE ONE: 10 JULY-12 AUGUST 1940

CRANWELLIAN	His Aircraft	Ju 87	Ju 88	Me Bf109	Me Bf110	He 111	Do 17	Other	Totals
Atkinson	Hurricane				++				2
Bader	Hurricane						+		1
Beamish	Hurricane						+		1
Cox	Hurricane			++					1.5
Davis	Hurricane	+		+	+		++		4
Dewar	Hurricane				++				2
Dowding	Spitfire					+			0.5
Hanson	Hurricane						+		0.5
Hogan	Hurricane			+					1
Hogg	Spitfire		+						0.5
Holland	Spitfire		+						1
Hood	Spitfire	+		+					2
Kelly	Spitfire			+					1
Kingcome	Spitfire		++						1
MacDonnell	Spitfire	++		+++					5
Measures	Spitfire					++			1.5
Page	Hurricane	+	+	+					2
Peel	Hurricane	++	+	+			+		4
Shepley	Spitfire			++					2
Stevenson	Spitfire			++	+	+			4.5
Townsend	Hurricane			++			+		3
Way	Spitfire			++					2
Wildblood	Spitfire			+	+				2
Wilkinson	Spitfire						+		1
Yule	Hurricane		+				+		1.5
TOTALS		6.5	4.5	21.5	6	2.5	6.5	0	47.5

These statistics are derived from extensive research of James J Halley's *The Squadrons of the Royal Air Force*, Kenneth G Wynn's *Men of the Battle of Britain*, Francis K Mason's *Battle over Britain* and archived records within the RAF College.

Battle of Britain Stage 1 - Cranwellian Losses

STAGE ONE: 10 JULY-12 AUGUST 1940



CHOMLEY Shot Down off Portsmouth



WAY Shot Down over Channel Dover



DONALD Shot Down Dover



SAWYER Crashed on Take off Hornchurch



McKENZIE Shot Down Margate



SHEPLEY Last Seen over Isle of White



DREW Shot Down Querqueville



JONES Shot Down Channel



DAVEY Shot Down Sandown



HALL Shot Down St Catherine's Point



COX Shot Down Dover

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Battle of Britain Stage 2 - Cranwellians' Tally (Ho)

STAGE TWO: 13-18 AUGUST 1940

CRANWELLIAN	His Aircraft	Ju 87	Ju 88	Me Bf109	Me Bf110	He 111	Do 17	Other	Totals
Atkinson	Hurricane			+	+	+			4
Badger	Hurricane	+	+						4.5
Beazley	Hurricane				+				1
Davis	Hurricane				+	+			2
Dewar	Hurricane		+						0.5
Elkington	Hurricane			+					1
Elsdon	Spitfire				+				1
MacDonnell	Spitfire			+	+			Do 215 +	3.5
Marrs	Spitfire	+			+				2
Pain	Hurricane		+				+		2
Pemberton	Hurricane			+		+			2
Townsend	Hurricane			+	+	+			3
Watling	Spitfire		+						0.5
Wildblood	Spitfire	+							1.5
Wilkinson	Spitfire		+						1
Williams	Hurricane						+		1
Worrall	Hurricane						+		0.5
Wright	Spitfire			+		+	+		2
TOTALS		5.5	4.5	10	6	3	3	1	33

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Battle of Britain Stage 2 - Cranwellian Losses

STAGE TWO: 13-18 AUGUST 1940



LEE Last seen in pursuit of enemy over East Coast



WILKINSON Blue-on-Red Collision over Channel Deal



ANDREA Failed to Return from Combat over Channel

Battle of Britain Stage 3 - Cranwellians' Tally (Ho)

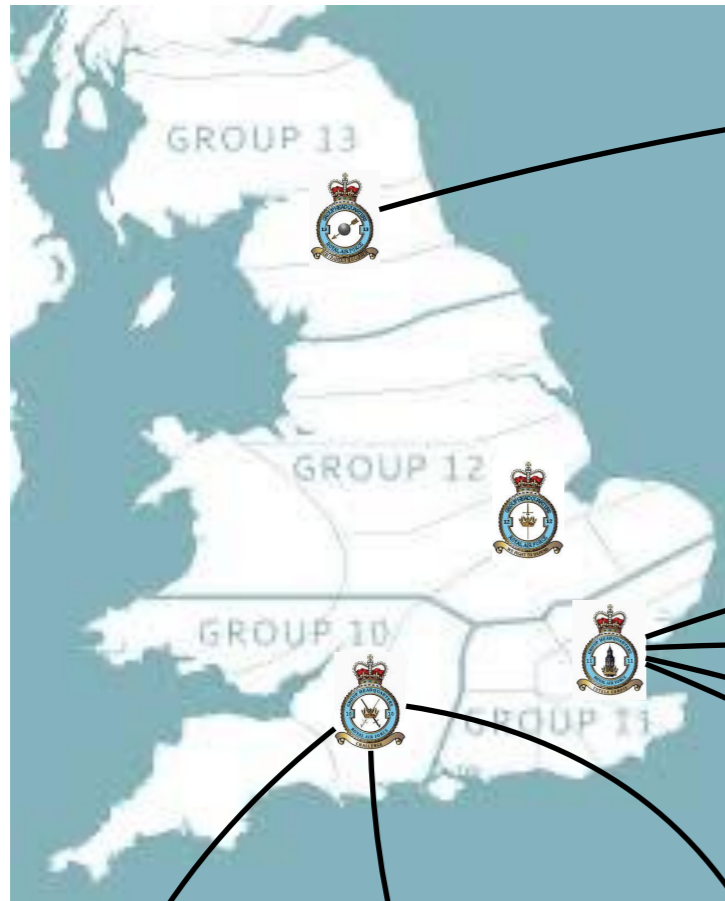
STAGE THREE: 19 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER 1940

CRANWELLIAN	His Aircraft	Ju 87	Ju 88	Me Bf109	Me Bf110	He 111	Do 17	Other	Totals
Bader	Hurricane				1		1		1.5
Badger	Hurricane					1			0.5
Beamish	Hurricane	1							1
Dewar	Hurricane		1						1
Elsdon	Spitfire	1		1	1				4
Gaunt	Spitfire				1				1
Hanson	Hurricane						1		1
Herrick	Blenheim					2			2
Hogan	Hurricane							Do 215 1	1
Hogg	Spitfire		1						0.5
Knocker	Defiant		1		1		1		2.5
Marrs	Spitfire				1		1		1.5
Mayhew	Hurricane					1	1	He 59 1	2.5
O'Brian	Hurricane/Spitfire					1			0.5
Powell-Shedden	Hurricane							Do 215 1	0.5
Stephens	Hurricane					1			0.5
Townsend	Hurricane			1	1		1		4
Vigors	Spitfire			1	1				3
Warren	Spitfire						1		0.5
Williams	Hurricane		1						1
Wright	Spitfire					1			1
TOTALS		2	3.5	8	4.5	5.5	5.5	2	31

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Battle of Britain Stage 3 - Cranwellian Losses

STAGE THREE: 19 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER 1940



BENSON Shot Down
Tenterden, Kent



HOOD Air Collision in
Combat



HANSON Shot Down
Foulness



HOGG Shot Down over Channel



ATKINSON Last Seen over
Warmwell



WILDBLOOD Shot Down
over Channel Portland



BADGER Died after Shot
Down Romsey Marshes



WILLIAMS Shot Down by
Bf 110

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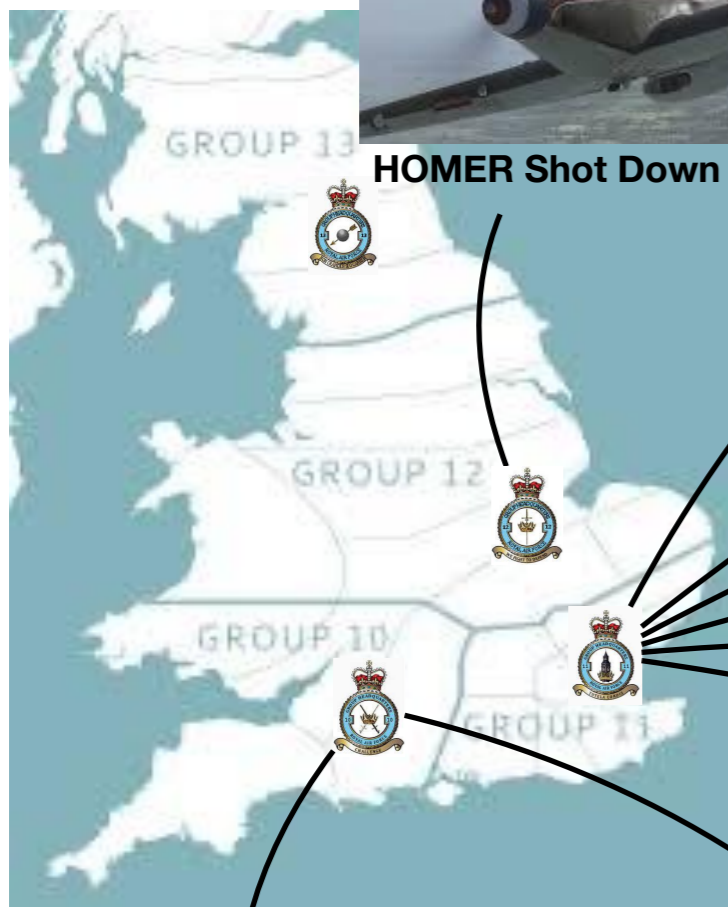
Battle of Britain Stage 4 - Cranwellians' Tally (Ho)

STAGE FOUR: 7 SEPTEMBER - 31 OCTOBER 1940									
CRANWELLIAN	His Aircraft	Ju 87	Ju 88	Me Bf109	Me Bf110	He 111	Do 17	Other	Totals
Bader	Hurricane			+			+		1.5
Barclay	Hurricane		++	++			+		5
Bayles	Spitfire		+			+			1.5
Beamish	Hurricane			++					2
Beazley	Hurricane							Do 215 ++	1.5
Burton	Hurricane				+				1
Duke-Woolley	Hurricane						+		1
Elsdon	Spitfire			+					1
Herrick	Blenheim					+			1
Hogan	Hurricane			+++	++				4
Holland	Spitfire			+					1
Kingcome	Spitfire		++	++++		+			6.5
Lee	Hurricane					++		UEA	2
Leigh	Spitfire					+		UEA	2
Marrs	Spitfire		++						1.5
McKenzie	Hurricane			++++					4.5
O'Brian	Hurricane/Spitfire		+						0.5
Powell-Sheddon	Hurricane			+			+++		3.5
Robinson	Hurricane				++		+		1
Robinson	Hurricane				++				2
Vigors	Spitfire		+	+					2
Watson	Spitfire		+		+	+			3
Wright	Spitfire		++			++			3.5
TOTALS			10.5	20	5.5	7	6	3.5	52.5

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Battle of Britain Stage 4 - Cranwellian Losses

STAGE FOUR: 7 SEPTEMBER-31 OCTOBER 1940



HOMER Shot Down Sittingbourne



LECKY Bailed out but killed over Maidstone



CROFTS Shot Down Ticehurst



GAUNT Shot Down near Kenley



BURTON Crashed N Hailsham



BACON Crashed on Almouth Beach



WORSDELL Crashed in poor viz near Redhill



DEWAR Shot Down Channel Sussex



MILEY Doubt whether Air Collision/Shot Down

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Battle of Britain - Cranwellian 'Tally'


SURNAME	INITS	RANK AT TIME	TALLY
ATKINSON	HD	Plt Off	2 Bf 110 12.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 13.8.40 - 1 He 111 14.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 16.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 18.8.40
BADER	DRS	Sqn Ldr	1 Do 17 11.7.40 - 1 Do 17 21.8.40 - 1/2 Bf 110 30.8.40 - 1/2 Do 17 15.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 27.9.40
BADGER	JVC	Sqn Ldr	1/2 Ju 88 14.8.40 - 1 Ju 88 15.8.40 - 3 Ju 87 16.8.40 - 1/2 He 111 26.8.40
BARCLAY	RGA	Fg Off	1 Bf 109 7.9.40 - 1 Do 17 15.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 19.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 27.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 27.9.40
BAYLES	IN	Plt Off	1/2 He 111 25.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 25.9.40
BEAMISH	FV	Wg Cdr	1 Do 17 12.7.40 - 1 Ju 87 6.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 18.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 30.10.40
BEAZLEY	HJS	Plt Off	1 Bf 110 15.8.40 - 1/2 Do 215 7.9.40 - 1 Do 215 15.9.40
BURTON	PR-F	Plt Off	1 Bf 110 27.9.40
COX	PAN	Fg Off	1 1/2 Bf 109 20.7.40
DAVIS	CT	Fg Off	1/2 Do 17 13.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 20.7.40 - 1/2 Do 17 21.7.40 - 1 Ju 87 27.7.40 - 1 Bf 110 8.8.40 - 2 Bf 110 13.8.40 - 1 He 111 15-9-40 - 1 Ju 88 21-9-40
DEWAR	JS	Wg Cdr	2 Bf 110 11.7.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 13.8.40 - 1 Ju 88 25.8.40
DUKE-WOOLLEY	RMBD	Flt Lt	1 Do 17 6.10.40
ELKINGTON	JFD	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 15.8.40
ELSDON	TAF	Fg Off	1 Bf 110 15.8.40 - 2 Bf 109 1.9.40 - 1 Ju 87 4.9.40 1 Bf 110 4.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 7.9.40
GAUNT	GN	Plt Off	1 Bf 110 25.8.40
HANSON	DHW	Fg Off	1/2 Do 17 12.7.40 - 1 Do 17 3.9.40
HERRICK	MJ	Plt Off	2 uea 5.9.40 1 He 111 14.9.40 2 He 111 4.9.40
HOGAN	HAV	Sqn Ldr	1 Bf 109 20.7.40 - 1 Do 215 27.8.40 - 1/2 Bf 110 27.9.40 - 1 Bf 110 5.10.40 - 1/2 Bf 109 7.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 12.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 15.10.40
HOGG	RM	Plt Off	1/2 Ju 88 12.8.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 21.8.40
HOLLAND	RH	Plt Off	1 Ju 88 15.7.40 - 1 Ju 88 25.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 26.10.40
HOOD	HRL	Sqn Ldr	1 Bf 109 29.7.40 - 1 Ju 87 29.7.40
KELLY	DPDG	Flt Lt	1 Bf 109 28.7.40
KINGCOME	CBF	Fg Off	1/2 Ju 88 24.7.40 - 1 He 111 11.9.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 18.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 23.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 27.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 11.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 12.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 13.10.40
KNOCKER	WRA	Plt Off	1 Ju 88 24.8.40
LEE	RHA	Flt Lt	1 He 111 9.9.40 - 1 uea 11.9.40
LEIGH	RHA	Sqn Ldr	1 He 111 9.9.40 - 1 uea 11.9.40
MacDONNELL	ARD	Sqn Ldr	1 Ju 87 25.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 29.7.40 - 1 Ju 87 29.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 5.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 11.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 15.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 16.8.40 - 1/2 He 111 16.8.40 - 1 Do 215 18.8.40
MARRS	ES	Plt Off	1 Bf 110 13.8.40 - 1 Ju 87 18.8.40 1/2 Do 17 22.8.40 1 Bf 110 25.8.40 1/2 Ju 88 17.9.40 1 Bf 110 7.10.40 - 1 Ju 88 27.9.40
McKENZIE	JW	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 5.10.40 - 1 1/2 Bf 109 7.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 27.10.40 - 1 Bf 109 29.10.40
MAYHEW	PF	Plt Off	1/2 He 59 28.8.40 - 1 He 111 30.8.40 - 1 Do 17 1.9.40
O'BRIAN	PGStG	Flt Lt	1/2 He 111 27.8.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 17.9.40
PAGE	AG	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 13.7.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 20.7.40 - 1/2 Ju 87 25.7.40
PAIN	JF	Plt Off	1 Ju 88 16.8.40 - 1 Do 17 18.8.40
PEEL	JRA	Sqn Ldr	1/2 Do 17 19.7.40 - 1/2 Ju 88 29.7.40 - 2 Ju 87 8.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 8.8.40
PEMBERTON	DA	Sqn Ldr	1 He 111 16.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 18.8.40
POWELL-SHEDDON	G F	Flt Lt	1/2 Do 215 21.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 9.9.40 - 1 Do 17 9.9.40 - 1 1/2 Do 17 15.9.40
ROBINSON	JCE	Plt Off	1 Do 17 29.10.40
ROBINSON	MWS	Sqn Ldr	1 Bf 110 7.9.40 - 1 Bf 110 11.9.40
SHEPLEY	DC	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 8.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 11.8.40
STEPHENS	MM	Plt Off	1/2 He 111 23.8.40
STEVENSON	PCF	Plt Off	1/2 He 111 12.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 19.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 28.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 11.8.40
TOWNSEND	PW	Sqn Ldr	1 Do 17 11.8.40 - 2 Bf 109 18.8.40 - 1 Bf 110 18.8.40 - 2 x 1/2 Do 17 26.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 28.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 30.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 31.8.40
VIGORS	TA	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 31.8.40 - 1 Bf 109 1.9.40 - 1 Bf 110 3.9.40 - 1 Bf 109 9.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 8.10.40
WARREN	C	Plt Off	1/2 Do 17 - 22.8.40
WATLING	WC	Plt Off	1/2 Ju 88 - 13.8.40
WATSON	AR	Plt Off	1 He 111 15.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 27.9.40 - 1 Bf 110 27.9.40
WAY	BH	Flt Lt	1 Bf 109 11.7.40 - 1 Bf 109 25.7.40
WILDBLOOD	TS	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 11.8.40 - 1 Bf 110 12.8.40 - 1 1/2 Ju 87 18.8.40
WILKINSON	RL	Sqn Ldr	1 Do 17 12.8.40 - 1 Ju 88 15.8.40
WILLIAMS	CW	Sqn Ldr	1 Do 17 18.8.40 - 1 Ju 88 21.8.40
WORRALL	J	Sqn Ldr	1/2 Do 17 - 15.8.40
WRIGHT	AR	Plt Off	1 Bf 109 14.8.40 - 1/2 He 111 14.8.40 - 1 He 111 29.8.40 - 1 He 111 11.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 26.9.40 - 1/2 He 111 27.9.40 - 1 Ju 88 27.9.40
YULE	RD	Plt Off	1 Ju 88 12.7.40 - 1/2 Do 17 - 19.7.40

Battle of Britain - Cranwellians' 'Honours & Awards'


List produced after extensive research of Kenneth G Wynn's *Men of the Battle of Britain*, cross-checked against archived RAF College records. Awards are not confined merely to contributions during the Battle of Britain but to a lifetime of Service commitment.

SURNAME	INITIALS	YEARS/COURSE	TOP RANK	HONOURS & AWARDS	COLLEGE PRIZES
AT WAR					
ATKINSON	HD	37-39	Plt Off	DFC	Sword of Honour
BADER	DRS	29-30	Gp Capt	KB; CBE; DSO*; DFC*; MID*	Prize Cadetship
BADGER	JVC	31-33	Sqn Ldr	DFC; MID	
BAINES	CEJ	28-30	Gp Capt	CBE; MID****	
BARCLAY	RGA	SFTS Course 7	Flt Lt	DFC	
BARNETT	RE	30-31	Sqn Ldr	MBE	
BAYLES	IN	SFTS Course 5	Sqn Ldr	DFC	
BEAMISH	FV	21-23	A/Wg Cdr	DSO*; DFC; AFC; MID*	
BEAZLEY	HJS	SFTS Course 6	Wg Cdr	DFC	
BICKNELL	LC	33-34	Gp Capt	MID	Lord Wakefield Scholarship
BURTON	HF	35-36	Sqn Ldr	DSO; DFC*	Sword of Honour
BURTON	PR-F	SFTS Course 7	Fg Off	MID	
CHAMBERLAIN	GP	23-25	AVM	CB; OBE; MID	
CHARNOCK	HW	24-25	Flt Lt	DFC; DFM; Croix de Guerre; Order of Leopold II	GCM Cashiered - low flying offence
CLARK	HD	37-38	Wg Cdr		Prize Cadetship
COX	PAN	35-37	Fg Off	DFC	RM Groves Memorial (Flying) Prize
DAVIS	CT	39-40/SFTS Cse 6	Plt Off	DFC	
DEWAR	JS	26-27	A/Wg Cdr	DSO; DFC; MID	
DONALD	IDG	36-37	A/Flt Lt		Hon King's Cadetship
DREW	PE	29-31	Sqn Ldr		Prize Cadetship
DUKE-WOOLLEY	RMBD	J35-36	Gp Capt	DSO; DFC*; USA DFC	
EDWARDS	RSJ	J35-36	Wg Cdr	DFC	
EELLES	H	J29-30	Air Cdre	CB; CBE; MID*	
ELKINGTON	JFD	A40-J40/SFTS Course 9	Wg Cdr	Russion Ushakov Medal	
ELSDON	TAF	36-37	Gp Capt	OBE; DFC; MID*	
FULFORD	D	SFTS Course 9	Fg Off	DFC	
GRANT	SB	37-38	AVM	CB; DFC*; MID	
HALL	NM	33-35	Flt Lt	AFC	Hon King's Cadetship
HAMBLIN	RK	24-26	Air Cdre	CBE; MID***	
HANSON	DHW	36-38	Fg Off		Prize Cadetship
HERRICK	MJ	39-40	A/Sqn Ldr	DFC*; USA Air Medal	Dominion Nomination (NZ)
HEYCOCK	GFW	28-29	Air Cdre	CB; DFC; MID	
HOBSON	WFC	29-30	A/Air Cdre	MID Argentine 'Honoris Causa'	Prize Cadetship
HOGAN	HAV	29-30	Air Mshl	CB; DFC; USA Legion of Merit	Sword of Honour
HOGG	RM	38-39	Plt Off		RM Groves Memorial (Flying) Prize; Prize Cadetship
HOLLAND	RH	38-39	A/Wg Cdr	DFC	
HOMER	MG	37-38	Fg Off	DFC	
HOOD	HRL	27-29	Sqn Ldr	DFC	
HOWARD-WILLIAMS	PI	39-40	Wg Cdr	DFC	
HUGHES	JMcM	35-37	Flt Lt	DFC	
HUMPHREY	AH	39/SFTS Cse 5	MRAF	GCB; KCB; CB; OBE; DFC; AFC**	
KELLY	DPDG	35-38	Gp Capt	DFC	
KINGCOME	CBF	36-38	Gp Capt	DSO; DFC*; MID	
LEE	RHA	35-37	Flt Lt	DSO; DFC; MID	
LEIGH	RHA	30-31	A/Gp Capt	MID****	Prize Cadetship
LISTER	RPF	32-34	Gp Capt	DFC; MID	RM Groves Memorial (Flying) Prize; Prize Cadetship
LUMSDEN	DTM	39-40	Sqn Ldr	MBE	
MacDONNELL	ARD	32-34	Air Cdre	DFC; MID	
MacDOUGALL	IN	38-39	Air Cdre	DFC	
MARRS	ES	39-40	Fg Off	DFC; MID	Prize Cadetship
MEASURES	WEG	35-37	Wg Cdr	AFC; MID	Hon King's Cadetship
MILEY	MJ	36-38	Fg Off		Hon King's Cadetship
MORE	JWC	28-30	Wg Cdr	DFC; OBE	
O'BRIAN	PGStG	36-37	Gp Capt	DFC*; OBE	Sword of Honour; Imperial & War Studies Prize
PAGE	AG	SFTS Course 10	Sqn Ldr	DSO; DFC	
PEEL	JRA	30-32	Gp Capt	DSO; DFC; MID*	
PEMBERTON	DA	31-32	Sqn Ldr	DFC; MID	
POWELL	RPR	34-36	Gp Capt	DFC*	RM Groves Memorial (Flying) Prize
POWELL-SHEDDON	GStfO	35-36	Wg Cdr	DSO; DFC	Prize Cadetship
ROBERTS	DN	24-26	Air Cdre	CBE; OBE; AFC	
ROBINSON	MWS	29-30	Air Cdre	CBE, MID; Polish Cross of Valour	Nominated Candidate
SAWYER	HC	33-34	Sqn Ldr	MID	
SMITH	CDS	34-36	Sqn Ldr	DFC	
STEPHENS	MM	38-39	Gp Capt	DSO; DFC**	
STEVENSON	PCF	38-39	Flt Lt	DFC	Prize Cadetship
TEMLETT	CB	S38-D39/RAFVR	Flt Lt	DFC	Hyde Thomson Memorial Prize
TOWNSEND	PW	33-35	Gp Capt	CVO; OBE; DSO; DFC*; MID; Legion d'Honneur; Order of Orange Nassau; Danish Order of Dannebrog	Prize Cadetship
TYSON	FH	30-31	A/Gp Capt	Czech Military Cross	
VIGORS	TA	J39-D39	Wg Cdr	DFC; MID*	Titular Distinction of Prize Cadet
WARREN	C	38-39		MBE; DFC; MID	Selected Aircraft Apprentice
WAY	BH	37-38	A/Flt Lt	MID	RM Groves Memorial (Flying) Prize
WIDDOWS	SC	29-31	Air Cdre	CB; DFC; MID	
WILDBLOOD	TS	38-39	Plt Off	MID	Hon King's Cadetship; Prize Cadetship
WORRALL	J	30-31	AVM	CB; DFC; MID	
WORSDELL	KW	38-39	Fg Off		Prize Cadetship
YULE	RD	38-39	Wg Cdr	DSO; DFC*	


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O'Brian




Powell




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Barclay Cox Dewar Elsdon Hogan Lister MacDougall Peel Widdows

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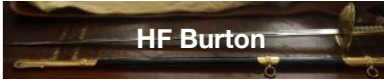


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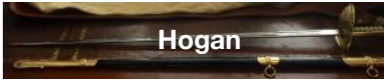




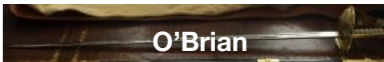
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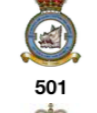






























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Battle of Britain - Cranwellian 'Aces'

(Cranwellians credited with five or more 'kills')

Ace	Group	Squadron	Aircraft Shot Down	Breakdown	Total
Aeneas MacDonnell		 64	   	2 x Ju 87 5 x Bf 109 ½ x He 111 1 x Do 215	8.5
Peter Townsend		 85	  	5 x Bf 109 1 x Bf 110 1 + 2 x ½ x Do 17	8
Charles Davis		 238	     	2 x ½ Do 17 1 x Bf 109 1 x Ju 87 1 x Ju 88 2 x Bf 110 1 x He 111	8
Brian Kingcome		 92	  	2 x ½ + 1 x Ju 88 1 x He 111 4 x Bf 109	7
Harold Atkinson		 213	  	2 x Bf 110 3 x Bf 109 1 x He 111	6
"Jimmie" Elsdon		 72	  	2 x Bf 110 3 x Bf 109 1 x Ju 87	6
Henry Hogan		 501	  	1 x ½ + 3 x Bf 109 1 x ½ + 1 x Bf 110 1 x Do 215	6
Allan Wright		 92	  	1 x Bf 109 2 x ½ + 2 x He 111 2 x Ju 88	6
John Badger		 43	  	1 + ½ x Ju 88 3 x Ju 87 ½ x He 111	5
Richard Barclay	Pan-Gp	 249	  	2 x Bf 109 1 x Do 17 2 x Ju 88	5
Eric Marrs		 152	   	3 x Bf 110 1 x Ju 87 ½ x Do 17 ½ + 1 Ju 88	5
Tim Vigors		 222	  	2 x Me Bf 109 2 x Me Bf 110 1 x Ju 88	5

Battle of Britain - Most Decorated BoB Cranwellian

Group Captain **Sir Douglas Robert Steuart Bader**
CBE, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar, FRAeS, DL
(21 February 1910 – 5 September 1982)

Joined the RAF in 1928, commissioned in 1930, lost both legs in an aerobatic accident in 1931. Despite being discharged on medical grounds, he rejoined in 1939 to become a renowned flying ace, credited with 22 aerial victories, four shared victories, six probables, one shared probable and 11 enemy aircraft damaged. Shot down in 1941 - possible blue-on-blue - he 'resided' in Colditz Camp for the next 4 years.



His portrait hangs in the College Hall Dining Room and a bronze maquette of him is displayed in the College Rotunda, to proudly honour one of our greatest Cranwellians.

As Managing Director of Shell Aircraft in 1952, Sir Douglas Bader led the installation, courtesy of the Shell Group, of the chime of "Retreat" at 0600, 1600 (Winter)/1800 (Summer) and mid-night, to commemorate 477 Cranwellian lives lost in service of their country. The bronze plaque in the Rotunda is worded:

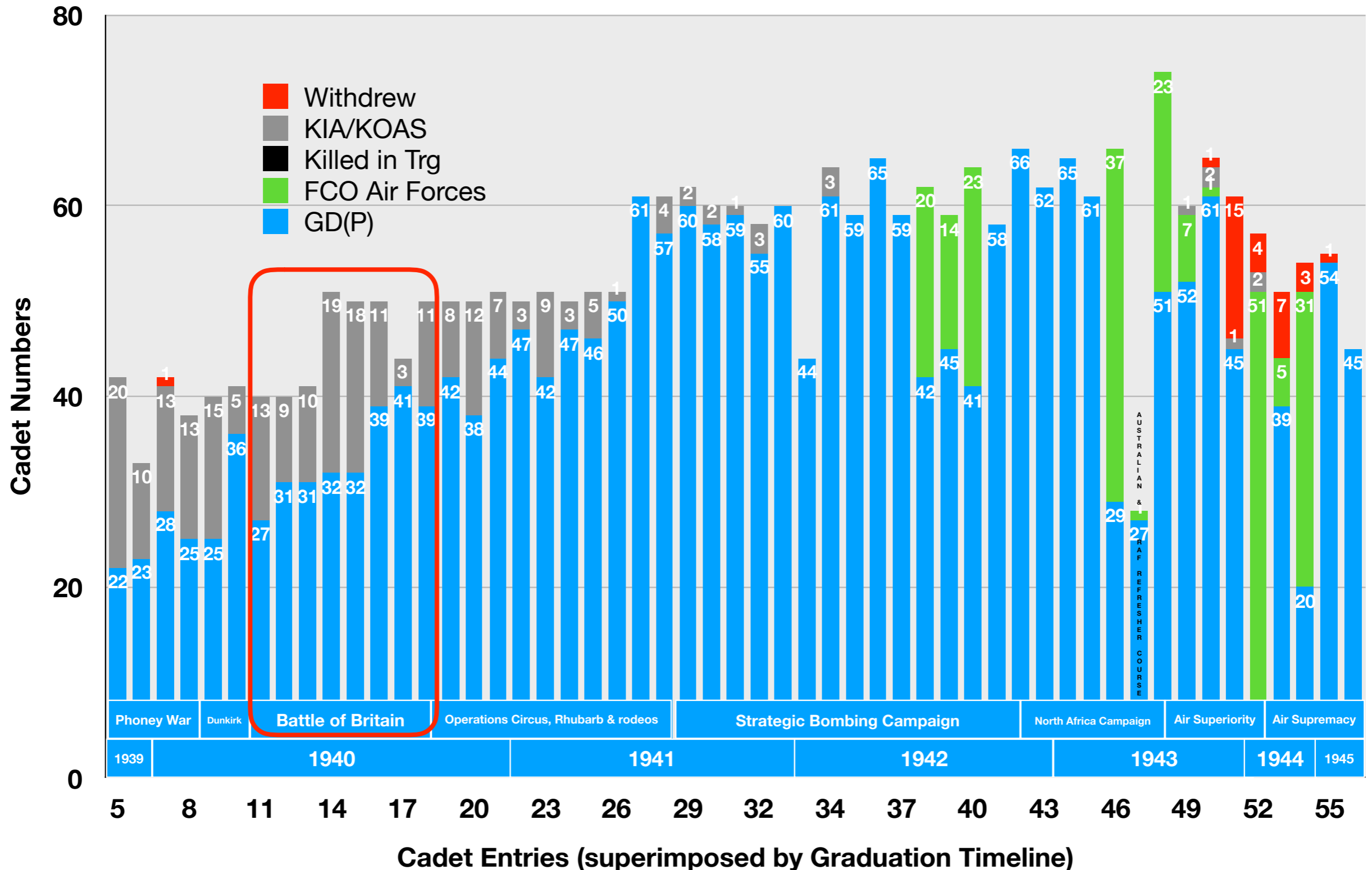
1952
THIS PLAQUE CAST IN THE METAL OF
THE BELLS OF THE COLLEGE CHIME
RECORDS THE GRATITUDE OF THE COLLEGE TO
THE SHELL GROUP
THROUGH WHOSE GENEROSITY THE CHIME WAS PRESENTED
AS A MEMORIAL TO THOSE OLD CRANWELLIANS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY
AND AS A DAILY REMINDER OF THEIR GALLANTRY
AND SACRIFICE

The bells, manufactured by Messrs John Taylor & Co in Loughborough and installed by Messrs Gent and Co Ltd of Leicester weigh between 2cwt and 25cwt. Steel frames are set either side of CHOM tower with the clock movement in the centre, the right hand frame holds the tenor bell which weighs 25 cwt with a diameter of 4 ft ¼ ins. The other five bells are held in the left hand frame and set in 2 levels.

Battle of Britain - Cranwell SFTS Training Output

A popular misconception, some believe Cranwell was closed during the war. It was for Officer training, but through the SFTS, Cranwell was producing trainee pilots at an increasing rate, in latter years training many foreign airmen as well, to help the war effort.

SFTS Trainees 1939 - 1945



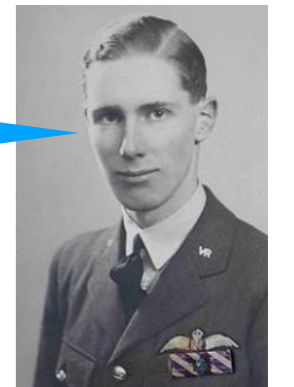
Battle of Britain - SFTS Courses 12 - 19

These are the courses that passed out at RAF Cranwell in the timeframe of the Battle of Britain. Note "Hoppy" Hopgood graduated from SFTS Course 18 and later went on to complete the second run, first wave of the Dambusters raid; he was killed North of the Mohne Dam.



NO 18 COURSE		NO 18 COURSE	
L.A.C. A.C. ABBOTT.		L.A.C. K. GEE.	
" P.E. ADAMS.		" G.G. GOODALE.	
Sgt. " T.M. ADAM. Killed in action Burma. C-1917.		" W.S.P. GIFFITHS. Missing C-1940.	
" P.H. BAKER.		Sgt. S.F. HODGSMAN.	
" R.L. BARTLEY.		L.A.C. J.C.I. HOOPER.	
" P.G. BELL.		" T.V. HOPGOOD.	
" P.A.H. BIKKER.		" M.J. HORSEY.	
" D.M. BOLTON. Missing C-1919.		" T.E. JENKINS.	
" P.M. BROWN.		" G. KERR.	
" J.W.L. BOTTING.		" D.T. LEE.	
" C.F.A. BROWN.		" I.F. LIVINGSTONE.	
" P. CAMPBELL.		" D.H.S. LONSDALE.	
" P.A. CHRISTIAN. Killed in action Burma. C-1917.		" T.A. LAMB.	
" A.A. COOKE. Killed in action Burma. C-1917.		" P.W.R. NEWCOMB.	
" K.F. COOPER. Missing Burma. C-1918.		" P.E. OWEN. Killed in action Burma. C-1919.	
" S.T. COOPER.		" T. PRESCOTT-BRICK.	
" J.A.G. CORNELIUS-WHEELER. Killed in action Burma. C-1917.		" R.W. READ.	
" W.K. DANBY.		" J.L. ROWE.	
" E.G. DANIEL.		" G.E.C. SEALE. Killed in action Burma. C-1917.	
" A.G. DAVIDSON.		" SPENCER. Killed in action Burma. C-1918.	
" J.N. DAVIES.		" R.M. TAIT. Killed in action Burma. C-1918.	
" H. DEEN.		" C.F. UPTON.	
" N.W. DOWNS.		" S.F. WARTON.	
" D.S. EGGLETON-MORLEY.		" F.H. WILKINSON.	
" D.F. ENDSOR.		" S. WILKINSON.	

'Hoppy' Hopgood; 617 Sqn; Dambusters 1st wave; killed NW Mohnesee



Battle of Britain - 'Family at War'



Air Chief Marshal

Hugh Caswall Tremenheere Dowding,
1st Baron Dowding
 GCB, GCVO, CMG
 (24 April 1882 – 15 February 1970)
 served as:

- a fighter pilot and then OC 16 Squadron during the First World War.
- Air Officer Commanding Fighting Area, Air Defence of Great Britain and then joined the Air Council as Air Member for Supply and Research, during the inter-war years
- Conceived, formed and from 14 July 1936 to 25 November 1940 commanded, as AOC-in-C, the RAF's Fighter Command, creating an Integrated Air Defence system that was to win the Battle of Britain.

BORN		DATE	NATIONALITY	DATE	RELIGION	DATE
9.1.19			English.		b. of E.	
JOINED COLLEGE		9.9.37	ORDER OF MERIT ON JOINING	12.	NO. IN TERM ON JOINING	38.
LEFT COLLEGE		28.7.39	ORDER OF MERIT ON LEAVING	18.	NO. IN TERM ON LEAVING	36.
PROMOTED		JOINED		DROPPED		
CADET CORPORAL	1ST TERM			10.9.37	AFTER	TERM
CADET SERGEANT	2ND TERM			15.1.38		
	3RD TERM			30.4.38		
UNDER OFFICER	4TH TERM			10.9.38	AFTER	TERM
	5TH TERM			13.1.39		
	6TH TERM			29.4.39		
COMMISSIONED IN R.A.F.		REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL IF COURSE NOT COMPLETED				
		29.7.39.				
NAME OF PARENT OR NEXT OF KIN			ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER			
Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., G.C.M.G. (Father).			Montrose House, Stanmore, Middlesex. Tel: Stanmore 117.			
PROFESSION OF PARENT OR NEXT OF KIN			CHANGE OF ADDRESS			
Air Chief Marshal, Royal Air Force (living).						
WHERE EDUCATED						
Wyfford School, W. Winchester (1927-1932). Winchester College (1932-1937).						
PRIZES, ETC., ON JOINING			PRIZES, ETC., ON LEAVING			
REMARKS AND FURTHER HISTORY						
Posted to No. 14 Squadron bef. 29.7.39. Authy: AMTH No. 310 dated 17.9.39.						
Promotions: Flying Officer 3.9.40. Flight Lieutenant (WS) 3.9.41. Flight Lieutenant (S) 29.1.43. Squadron Leader (S) 1.10.46. Acting Commander 5/4/51. Wing Commander (S) 1.7.51.						
Placed on Retired list W.S. of 20.11.56						
COLLEGE SEQUENCE NUMBER		CHRISTIAN NAMES		SURNAME		
1073.		Derek Hugh Tremenheere.		Dowding.		

Derek Hugh Tremenheere Dowding was the son of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding.

He graduated from S37 Entry at the RAF College in July 1939 and was posted to 74 Squadron at Hornchurch.

The squadron fought over France from 20th May 1940. On the 24th, Dowding destroyed a Do17, shared another and probably destroyed a Ju88; on the 23rd, he shared a Do17 and on the 27th damaged a Do17 after chasing it for 20 miles before being forced to break off by intense anti-aircraft fire.

On 6th July 1940, Dowding probably destroyed an He111 and two days later he shared in the destruction of another.

He was posted to 6 OTU Sutton Bridge on 8th August to be an instructor.

He was still instructing in 1941, but became a Flight Commander with 135 Squadron later in the year.

He served as a test pilot in the Middle East from 1942 to 1945 and held a number of appointments and commands before retiring on 17th November 1956 as a Wing Commander. Dowding died on 22nd November 1992.

Battle of Britain Roll of Honour - True Cranwellians



39	ANDREAE	Christopher John Drake
37-39	ATKINSON	Harold Derrick
39-40	BACON	Charles Harvey
31-33	BADGER	John Vincent Clarence
38-39	BENSON	Noel John Victor
39	BURTON	Percival Ross-Frames
39	CHOMLEY	John Allison George
35-37	COX	Philip Anthony Neville
37	CROFTS	Peter Guerin
40	DAVEY	John Arthur Joseph
26-27	DEWAR	John Scatliff
36-37	DONALD	Ian David Grahame
29-31	DREW	Peter Edward
40	GAUNT	Geoffrey Norman
33-35	HALL	Noel Mudie



36-38	HANSON	David Harry Wellsted
38-39	HOGG	Richard Malzard
37-38	HOMER	Michael Giles
27-29	HOOD	Hilary Richard Lionel
38-39	JONES	John Sinclair Bucknall
39-40	LECKY	John Gage
35-37	LEE	Richard Hugh Antony
38-39	McKENZIE	John Woffenden
36-38	MILEY	Miles John
33-34	SAWYER	Henry Cecil
38-39	SHEPLEY	Douglas Clayton
37-38	WAY	Basil Hugh
38-39	WILDBLOOD	Timothy Seddon
29-30	WILKINSON	Rodney Levett
29-31	WILLIAMS	Cedric Watcyn
38-39	WORSDELL	Kenneth Wilson

