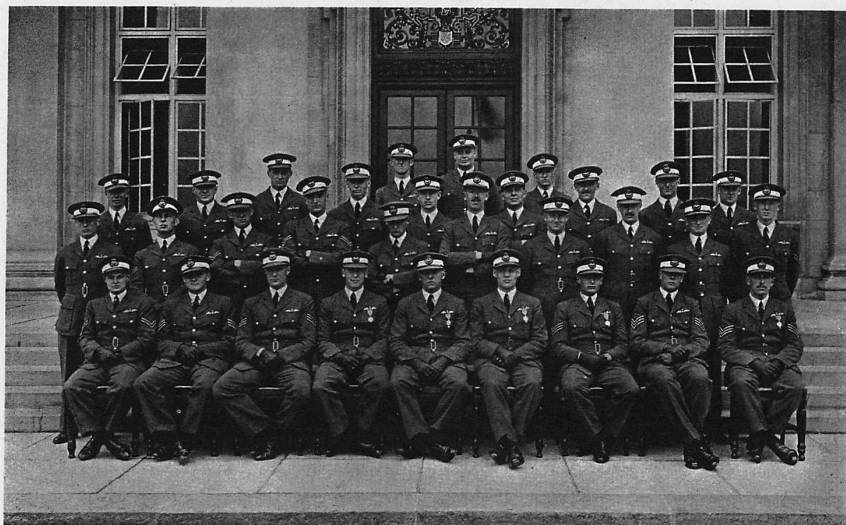


# Fewest of the Few Supplement



## S35 Entry Graduated July 1937

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PASSING OUT TERM, SUMMER, 1937.

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Back Row.—F./C. I. A. Mead. F./C. P. G. Wykeham-Barnes. F./C. H. N. G. Wheeler.  
 3rd Row.—F./C. C. F. Atkinson. F./C. Cpl. P. Meston. F./C. P. S. Butler. F./C. W. E. M. Lowry. F./C. K. F. Mackie. F./C. W. E. G. Measures. F./C. E. Tennant.  
 F./C. D. D. A. Kelly. F./C. H. F. Cox.  
 2nd Row.—F./C. D. R. D. Green. F./C. Cpl. J. T. Wilkins. F./C. Cpl. J. C. Archer. F./C. Cpl. P. W. Dawson. F./C. J. P. D. Gethin. F./C. J. Mc. C. M. Hughes.  
 F./C. J. F. Pearce. F./C. L. D. Mavor. F./C. T. J. Hanlon. F./C. Cpl. A. R. Oakeshot.  
 Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. E. H. Lynch-Blosse. F./C. Sgt. J. E. Grindon. F./C. Sgt. G. V. W. Kettlewell. F./C. U./O. R. T. Frogley. F./C. U./O. J. M. N. Pike.  
 F./C. U./O. J. A. Pitcairn-Hill. F./C. Sgt. R. H. A. Lee. F./C. Sgt. M. S. Donne. F./C. Sgt. P. A. N. Cox. Absent.—F./C. Sgt. P. M. Wigg. F./C. P. R. ap Ellis.



**Cox Philip Anthony Neville  
(S35 Entry, A Squadron)**



Cox was born in Patcham near Brighton on 21 July 1915 and went to Brighton Hove and Sussex Grammar School. He joined the RAF as an Aircraft Apprentice at No. 1 School of Technical Training, Halton in September 1932. He passed out in August 1935 as a Fitter.

He won a place at RAF College Cranwell and started there in September 1935 as a Flight Cadet. He was awarded the RM Groves Memorial Prize in 1937. After graduating in late July 1937, Cox was posted to 43 Squadron at Tangmere.

On 17th January 1939, he went to the 11 Group Pool, St Athan as an instructor and was made OC 'C Flight on 28 August. He was later attached to the AFDU, Northolt for instruction on air tactics.

In May 1940, Cox was at 6 OTU, leaving there for Hendon on 6 June for onward posting to France where he joined 501 Squadron as a Flight Commander. The squadron was withdrawn on the 18th from Dinard and operated on the 19th from Jersey, covering the BEF evacuation from Cherbourg. It re-assembled at Croydon on the 21st.

Cox claimed a Me109 destroyed and shared in the destruction of another on 20 July.

In combat over Dover Harbour on the 27th, Cox was shot down in Hurricane P3808 by Fw. Fernsebner of III/JG52, and reported 'Missing'. At the time, Cox was thought to have been a victim of the Dover anti-aircraft guns. He was 25. His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, panel 5.

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**Hughes, John McCulloch Middlemore  
(S35 Entry, C Squadron)**



Middlemore Hughes was born at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire on 13th February 1917. He was at Haileybury College from 1930 to 1934 and entered the RAF College, Cranwell in September 1935 as a Flight Cadet. After graduation in July 1937, he joined 218 Squadron, operating Fairey Battles at Boscombe Down.

The squadron flew to France on 2nd September 1939, as part of the AASF. In the fighting in May 1940 Hughes led many bombing raids on German troops and lines of communication. In one operation, he was attacked by Me 109's and by skilful manoeuvring, Hughes enabled his gunner to shoot one down. He was awarded the DFC (gazetted 21 June 1940).

In August 1940 Hughes, in answer to a call for pilots to replace those lost in action, volunteered for Fighter Command. On 3 September, he was posted to the Radio Servicing Flight at Biggin Hill, but on the 26th he was posted to 25 Squadron at North Weald, as a Flight Commander.

In the evening of 7 December, Hughes was detailed to check the blackout over Peterborough in Blenheim L1235. During the patrol the weather deteriorated and a bad storm developed. Control of the aircraft was lost and it came down near the village of Elton in Huntingdonshire (now Cambridgeshire). Hughes and the gunner, Sgt. JR Friend, were both killed and the radar operator, Sgt. FB Blenkharn, was seriously injured. Hughes is buried in Chilworth churchyard, Hampshire.

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**Lee, Richard Hugh Antony (S35 Entry, C Squadron)**



Lee was born in London in 1917 and educated at Charterhouse School. He entered the RAF College, Cranwell in September 1935 as a Flight Cadet and graduated in July 1937.

On 1 June 1938 he joined 85 Squadron, then reforming at Debden. Lee went to France with the squadron at the outbreak of war. He destroyed a He 111 over Boulogne on 21st November 1939, 85's first victory. Lee was awarded the DFC (gazetted 8 March 1940).

On 10 May 1940, he claimed an Hs 126 destroyed, shared a Ju86 and damaged a Ju88. On the 11th, after shooting down two enemy aircraft, he was himself shot down by flak and captured. Lee escaped and made his way back to his squadron.

On 22 May, 85 Squadron withdrew to Debden. Flying with 56 Squadron over Dunkirk on the 27th, Lee was shot down into the sea and was picked up after an hour in the water. He was awarded the DSO (gazetted 31st May 1940).

Back with 85 Squadron in August 1940, Lee was last seen in pursuit of an enemy formation thirty miles off the east coast on the 18th. Lee was not heard of again and is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial, Panel 6. He was 23 years old. At the time of his death, Lee was an Acting Flight Lieutenant. He is believed to have destroyed at least nine enemy aircraft.

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**Measures, William Edward Geoffrey  
(S35 Entry, B Squadron)**



Measures was born on 7 August 1916 and educated at Dulwich College. He entered the RAF College as a flight Cadet in September 1935 and graduated with a permanent commission on 30 July 1937.

He was posted to 74 Squadron, Hornchurch.

On 20 November 1939, Measures was a member of the section that shared the damaging of an He 111 fifteen miles off Southend, but the enemy aircraft escaped into cloud and reached its base, badly damaged and with three crew injured.

On 15 January 1940, Measures was posted to No 1 RAF Depot, Uxbridge. It is presumed that this must have been an error as he was posted back to 74 Squadron on 19 February. On the 20th, he received a Mention in Despatches.

He was detected to AFDU, Northolt, on 7 May for an Air Fighting course.

Measures destroyed an He 111 east of Dunkirk on 21 May, on the 23rd shared he shared in destroying an Hs 126, on the 24th shared a Do 17 and on the 27th destroyed another.

He was appointed 'B' Flight Commander on 28 May and promoted to Acting Flight Lieutenant on 15 June, backdated to 28 May. He destroyed an He 111 on 6 July, shared another on the 8th and damaged a Bf 110 and a Do 17 on the 10th.

Measures relinquished his acting rank when posted to 7 OTU, Harwarden, as an instructor on 24 July.

On 12 October, he joined 238 Squadron, Chilbolton, as a Flight Commander. On 26 December, he was posted to 2 CFS, Cranwell.

In 1942, he took command of 87 Squadron and led it to North Africa in November. He left that squadron in June 1943.

Awarded the AFC (gazetted on 1 September 1944) Measures retired from the RAF on 23 November 1957, as a Squadron Leader but retaining the rank of Wing Commander.

