

Fewest of the Few Supplement



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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
CRANWELL.	1.9.39.		Lieutenant T.A. Tindle assumes the duties of Station Defence Officer. Education Officers - members of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - recalled for duty. Aerodrome Council School closed owing to evacuation.	D.R.O. 170. D.R.O. 166.
	2.9.39.		Lighting restrictions introduced, and guards posted at entrances to the Station.	
	3.9.39.		Receipt of message stating that War has been declared on Germany by the Allied Powers. Group Captain Strugnell, MC., posted to Command (A/Cadre Post). <u>Royal Air Force College becomes a Flying Training School, and is self-controlled.</u>	A.M.P.L. 319.

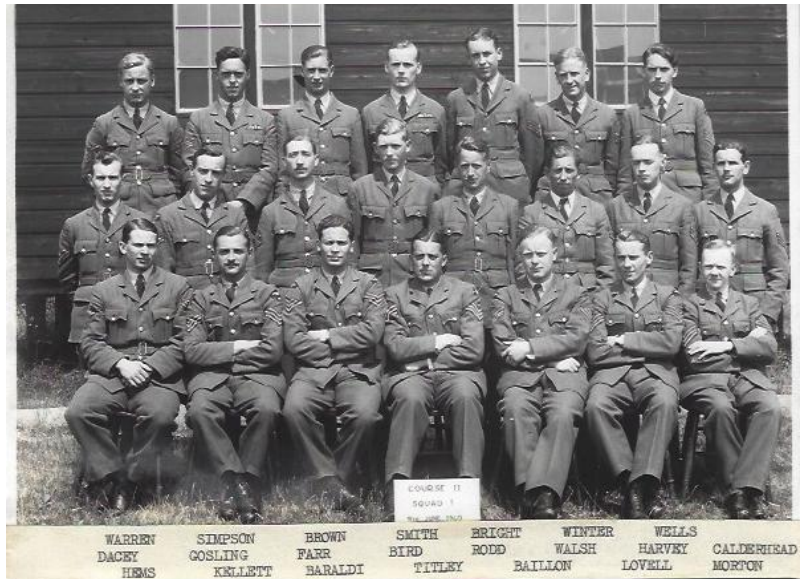


Baraldi, Ferdinand Henry Raphael
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 1)



A member of the RAFVR from July 1939 (754760), Brandi was called up in September and after the ITW, he was at 1 EFTS, Hatfield, from 4 December 1939 to 10 May 1940. He moved to the SFTS at Cranwell on 8 June, attending No 11 Course.

On completion, he was commissioned on 7 September and posted to 7 OTU, Harwarden. After converting to Spitfires, Baraldi joined 609 Squadron at Middle Wallop on 29 September. He did not fly his first operational sortie until 28 October 1940.



In August 1942, Baraldi was posted to 111 Squadron at Kenley, as a Flight Commander, and in October he went with it to Gibraltar and then to North Africa on 11 November. He damaged a Ju 88 east of Bone on 18 November.

He left 111 Squadron on 11 January 1943, having developed some trouble with his eyes. He was then 30 years old. He was released from the RAF in 1946 as a Squadron Leader.

Baraldi died in 1988.



Robinson, James Clifton Edmeston.
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 2)



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Robinson, of Colwyn Bay, was educated at Oundle School and Christ's College, Cambridge, where he read Engineering. He was a member of the UAS and was called up to full-time service and commissioned on 3 October 1939.

Robinson completed his flying training at the SFTS at Cranwell on No 11 Course, which ran from 8 June to 6 September 1940. He raised at 6 OTU, Sutton Bridge, on 7 September. After converting to Hurricanes, he was posted to 1 Squadron at Wittering on the 28th.



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He shared in damaging a Do 17 on 27 October 1940 and shared the destruction of a Do 17 on the 29th.

Robinson damaged a Bf 109 over Maidstone on 21 April 1941 and on 11 May he intercepted an He 111 over Redhill, silenced the gunner and claimed the enemy bomber as probably destroyed.

On 21 May 1941, Robinson was reported 'Missing'. He was attacked by two Bf 109s over the Channel and never seen again. He was 23 and is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial, panel 30. Robinson's portrait was drawn by Cuthbert Orde.