

Fewest of the Few Supplement



SFTS Course 11 Graduated 6 September 1940

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| BARALDI | FHR |
| FOX-MALE | DH |
| GOSLING | RC |
| HILL | SJ |
| KELLETT | M |
| ROBINSON | JCE |
| SEDDON | JW |
| TITLEY | EG |

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of (Unit or Formation)..... Station Headquarters, CRANWELL.

| Place. | Date. | Time. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
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| CRANWELL. | 1.9.39. | | Lieutenant T.A. Tindle assumes the duties of Station Defence Officer. | D.R.O. 170. |
| | | | Education Officers - members of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - recalled for duty. | |
| | | | Aerodrome Council School closed owing to evacuation. | 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/Care Post). <u>Royal Air Force College becomes a Flying Training School, and is self-controlled.</u> | A.M.P.L. 319. |



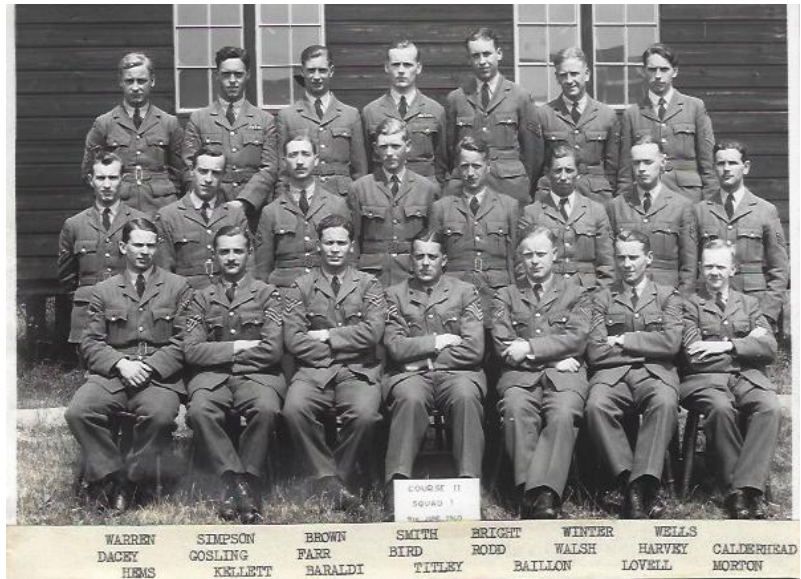
**Baraldi, Ferdinand Henry Raphael
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 1)**



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.



**Fox-Male, Dennis Humbert
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 2)**



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Dennis Humbert Fox-Male was born on 28 June 1915 at Oxshott, Surrey. He was educated at Wellington College and Trinity College, Oxford, where he read Jurisprudence.

On 1 November 1934 he joined the University Air Squadron and remained with it until 26 July 1936. After leaving Oxford, Fox-Male qualified and practiced as a solicitor. He was called to full-time service with the RAFVR on 15 March 1940 and commissioned. He was posted to 7 EFTS, Desford on 12 April, to complete his elementary flying training.



COOPER NOTTIDGE WHEELER MILLS, R.A. WALTON SAYERS NEWTON
SCAPE DAVIDSON ROBINSON EVANS MILES, C.R. ELGAR FOX-MALE

He moved on to RAF College SFTS at Cranwell on 10 June and with the course completed, he went on to 7 OTU Hawarden on 7 September.

Having converted to Spitfires, he joined 152 Squadron at Warmwell on 29 September 1940. Fox-Male left the squadron on 9 July 1941, to become an instructor at 59 OTU, Crosby-on-Eden.

He returned to operations on 20 April 1942, when he was posted to 242 Squadron at Turnhouse. On 12 May, he was sent for a course to the Pilot Gunnery Instructors' Training Wing at CGS, Sutton Bridge and afterwards rejoined 242, then at Drem.

Fox-Male went with 242 Squadron to North Africa on September 8 1942 and remained with it until March 5 1943.

Released from the RAF in 1946, as a Flight Lieutenant, Fox-Male resumed his legal practice and was a partner in a firm of London solicitors when he retired to Guernsey in 1975.

Fox-Male died there on 1 April 1986



**Gosling, Reginald Clive
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 1)**



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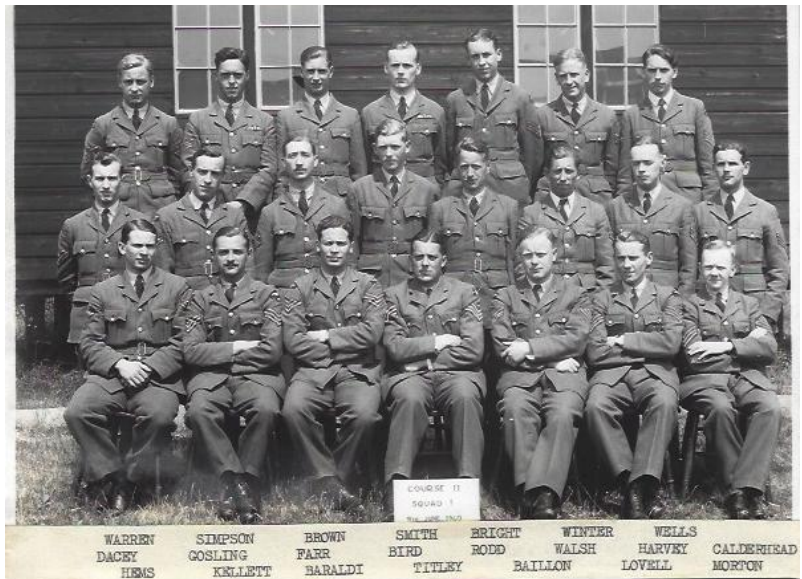
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Reginald Clive Gosling was born in Gravesend on July 4 1919 and educated at Cecil Road School and Gravesend County School. He joined the RAFVR in November 1938, as an Airman u/t Pilot (754008) and was called to full-time service in October 1939.

He was posted to 3 ITW, Hastings, went to 7 EFTS, Desford on April 16 1940 and completed his flying training at RAF College SFTS, Cranwell, from 10 June to 29 August.

He arrived at 7 OTU, Hawarden on 7 September 1940, converted to Spitfires and joined 266 Squadron at Martlesham Heath on the 29th.

Posted from the squadron on 30 June 1941, Gosling joined 72 Squadron at Biggin Hill. He went to Vickers-Supermarine on 10 January 1942, as a test pilot, remaining there until 4 July 1944.



Gosling was posted to 616 Squadron at Mansion on July 10 and was with the squadron, flying Meteors on the Continent and in Germany until its disbandment at Lubeck on 29 August 1945.

He was released from the RAF on 31 December 1945, as a Flight Lieutenant. He served in the RAFVR from January 1948 until the end of 1950.



**Hill, Sydney Jenkin
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 2)**



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Sydney Jenkin Hill, of Ferndown, Dorset, was born in 1917 and was at Uppingham School from 1931 to 1955. He went on to Imperial College, London, where he studied Metallurgy at the School of Mines. He was a member of the University Air Squadron.

Hill joined the RAFVR on a direct-entry commission in March 1940.

He went to RAF College SFTS, Cranwell for No 11 Course, which ran from 8 June to 6 September 1940.

He arrived at 7 OTU, Hawarden on 7 September, converted to Spitfires and joined 609 Squadron at Middle Wallop in October. On the 21st, he shared in the destruction of a Ju88, 609's 100th victory.



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SCAPE DAVIDSON WHEELER MILLS, R.A. WALTON SAYERS NEWTON
ROBINSON EVANS MILES, C.R. ELGAR FOX-MALE

Hill was killed on June 18 1941, as a Pilot Officer with 609. After combat with Bf109s off Cap Gris Nez, he managed to get back to the English coast and was seen gliding down near Dover, but his aircraft then crashed and burned out.

Hill is buried in Hawkinge Cemetery.



Kellett, Michael
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 1)



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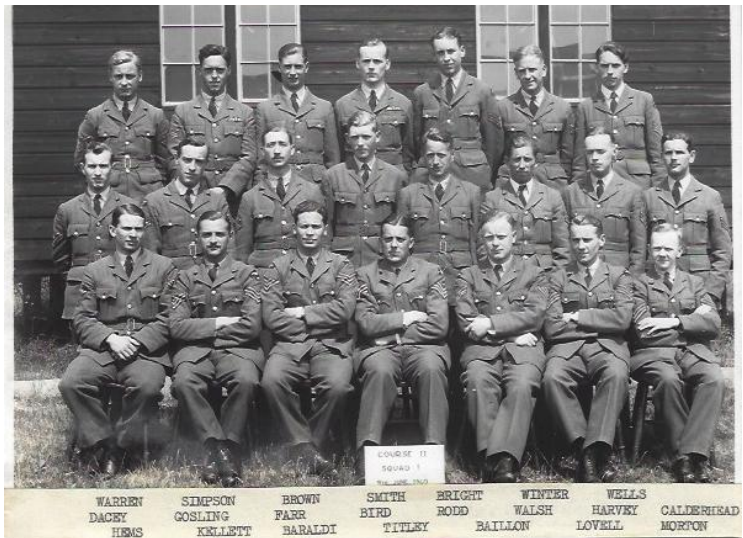
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Born on September 25 1917, Michael Kellett joined the RAFVR about February 1939, as an Airman u/t Pilot (745095). Called up on 1 September, he completed his training at Cranwell SFTS on 6 September 1940.

He went to 5 OTU, Aston Down on the 7th and after converting to Hurricanes. he joined 111 Squadron at Drem on 2 October. He made his first flight with the .squadron on the 6th, a sector reconnaissance.

On 3 November, Keltett damaged a He111 E of Peterhead. He was with 111 throughout 1941. On 1 January 1941, he shared in the probable destruction of a Ju88, on 1 and 21 February and 6 April 6 he damaged Ju88s and on 9 August and 20 September he destroyed Bf109s.

Kellett commanded 504 Squadron from October 1944 until August 1945, the second squadron to receive Meteors. He was awarded the DFC (gazetted 21.11.44).



He retired from the RAF on 19 July 1956, as a Squadron Lender, retaining the rank of Wing Commander.

Kellett died on 28 August 1975.



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



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James Clifton Edmeston 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.



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.



**Seddon, John Wilfred
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 2)**



John Wilfred Seddon, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, was educated at Bryanston School and Jesus College, Cambridge, where he read Engineering. He was a member of the University Air Squadron. He was called to full-time service and commissioned in the RAFVR on 3 October 1939.

Seddon completed his training at RAF College SFTS, Cranwell, on No 11 Course, which ran from 8 June to 6 September 1940. He arrived at 6 OTU, Sutton Bridge on 9 September 1940. After converting to Hurricanes, he was posted to 601 Squadron at Exeter on 1 October.



Seddon joined 238 Squadron at Chilbolton on 22 November 1940. He was killed on 31 March 1941. Whilst ferrying a new Hurricane from Carlisle to Duxford, he crashed near Keswick in a snowstorm.

Seddon was 23 years old. He is buried in Painswick Cemetery, Gloucestershire.



**Titley, Edward George
(SFTS Course 11, Squadron 1)**

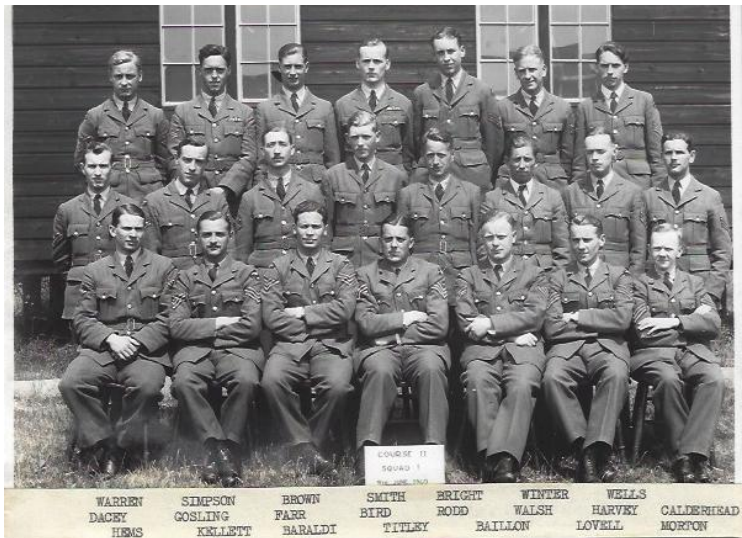


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Edward George Titley, of Northam, Devon, was born in Nottinghamshire on 7 August 1911. He was educated at Uppingham School and Pembroke College, Cambridge. He left there in 1933 and went into the City, becoming a Lloyds underwriter in 1934.

In November 1938, Titley joined the RAFVR, as an Airman u/t Pilot (742418). Called up on 1 September 1939, he completed his training at RAF College SFTS on No 11 Course, which ran from 8 June to 6 September 1940.

He arrived at 7 OTU, Hawarden on 7 September and after converting to Spitfires, he joined 609 Squadron at Middle Wallop on 29 September 29, and flew his first operational sortie on 13 October, patrol base (*sic*).



Titley injured his ears, serving with the squadron, and was declared unfit for any further high-altitude flying. He became an instructor at CFS.

He was killed on 17 July 1943, as a Squadron Leader with 5 (Coastal) OTU. Titley was 31. He is buried in St Margaret's churchyard, Northam.