

# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

## “Our Ukrainian Cranwellians”



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A Tribute to Seven Cranwellians from IOTCs 40, 43 & 46  
[Now Including Summary of UAF War Losses Against Russian Invasion]

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# Training International Students

(Excluding British Nationals born abroad or granted British citizenship, who served in the RAF)

This booklet is an extract from the second of two albums created to pay tribute to Overseas students trained at the RAF College during its first 100 years of operation. In light of events in Ukraine, we have compiled this extract to pay tribute to the seven Ukrainians who underwent training on IOTCs 40 and 45. We start by repeating the 'Introduction' to the two parent albums, to set the context, before paying tribute to our Ukrainian Cranwellians. One, Micha Leshchenko of IOTC 40, won the Overseas Student Prize and we include in the electronic version of this booklet a link to a video of the prize winning ceremony. We end with a summary of UAF losses to date.

The RAF College has a proud record of training cadets from overseas, almost from its inception in 1920. This album attempts to pay tribute to the College's international alumni, identifying each cadet by name and, where practicable, providing a photograph of their time at the College. There are three distinct eras covered in the two volumes to this album, the pre-WWII flight cadet system, the College Service Flying Training School (SFTS) of the war years and the post-WWII era of several Single Gate Initial Officer Training (SGIOT) systems.

The international story starts in September 1921 with the induction of two cadets from Siam (now Thailand), although we have been unable to identify the background to this relationship between our two nations. The next international cadets were from Iraq during the period 1927 to 1931 and the connection almost certainly stems from British involvement in the Middle East since WWI, and indirectly the 'game changing' contribution of at least three other Cranwellians, our Founders Sir Winston Churchill and MRAF Viscount Trenchard, and TE Lawrence (aka AC Shaw and "Lawrence of Arabia". In the 1930s, the College trained some 17 cadets from India. Each was a pioneer of the Indian Air Force and, in the case of AR Awan, also a pioneer of the Pakistan Air Force after 'Partition' in 1947. Our page covering this Indian contingent includes hypertext links to accounts of Awan and Arjan Singh, the latter becoming the first Marshal of the Indian Air Force and who was to revisit the College as a Reviewing Officer on several occasions.

College historians will assert that the RAF College closed the day war broke out; it did for the formal, two year academic and flying training of officer cadets. However, for the majority of the war, the iconic College Hall was used and accommodated by SFTS staff and students, many of whom were trainee aircrew from no fewer than 16 different countries. The first trainee in January 1942 was from the Netherlands and the last, Turkish pilots, graduated in 9 April 1945, just one month before VE Day. Many of the Commonwealth trainee pilots attended the College SFTS as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) or the Empire Air Training Scheme (EATS) - "The Plan" - which combined global resources to train aircrew from most "Dominions" (i.e. UK, Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Irish Free State/Eire (non-participant), India and Ceylon), and Bermuda and the USA. But the reader will note that other European countries such as Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Norway and Turkey, and two Middle East countries (Persia/Iran and Iraq) drew on SFTS expertise. The College SFTS and RAF Station Cranwell ORBs of the time make reference to visits by delegations from other countries (e.g. China, Soviet Union) as the College SFTS developed a reputation as the 'go to' place for basic and advanced flying training.

After the war, the College reverted to a flight cadet system similar to pre-WWII years. In the 1970s, the flight cadet system was phased out and replaced by a Graduate Entry (GE) scheme to provide Initial Officer Training (IOT) and specialist (flying, engineering, admin and supply) training to university graduates. When Henlow was closed and all IOT centralised at Cranwell under the SGIOT scheme, significant numbers of overseas students began to appear in the new intakes starting with nine students in 43 IOT. By 2020, the College had trained nearly 2,000 students from international air and defence forces.

Volume 1 covers the pre-WWII and WWII eras; Volume 2 covers the post-WWII era. Source documents included definitive flight cadet records of the pre-WWII and immediate post-WWII eras, which have enabled us to match cadet names (and photos) readily to nationalities. The WWII source data was contained in F540 ORB entries detailing numbers by nationality and separate student listings and photos discovered in the College archive; it has not been possible to establish precise matches between names and nationalities. Our post-WWII analysis relied on cadet listings, graduation photos and some videos; not all the listings declared the cadets' nationalities. That said, we believe we have captured sufficient data to produce a worthy tribute to all International students who attended training at the College.

# The Seven Ukrainian Cranwellians



**2015 - 2016**  
**Ukraine**



**Chymbaha**  
IOTC 40



**Komlin**  
IOTC 43



**Kalimulin**  
IOTC 46



**Petelin**  
IOTC 40

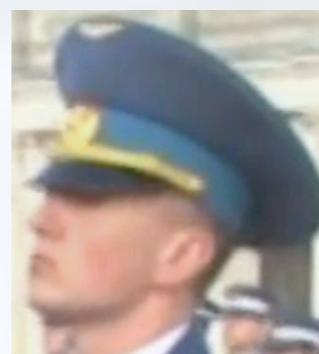


**Konchenko**  
IOTC 43



**Polianska**  
IOTC 46

Course	Name	Initials	Graduated
IOTC 40	Chymbanha	EK	September 2015
	*Leshchenko	MY	
	Petelin	A	
IOTC 43	Komlin	R	May 2016
	Konchenko	A	
IOTC 46	Kalimulin	T	December 2016
	Polianska	AD	



**Leshchenko**  
**IOTC 40**  
**Overseas Student Prize**  
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# Some Typical Ukrainian Air Force (UAF) Assets

## AIRCRAFT



Ukrainian MiG-29s



Ukrainian Su-24



Ukrainian Su-25



Ukrainian Su-27



Ukrainian L-39 Albatros



Ukrainian An-26



Ukrainian Il-76



Ukrainian MiL Mi-2



Ukrainian MiL Mi-8



Ukrainian MiL Mi-24

## DRONES



Ukrainian ASU-1 Valkyrja



Ukrainian Bayraktar TB2 Drone



Ukrainian Tu-141 Recce Drone



Ukrainian SkyEye 5000 Drone



Ukrainian Tu-143 Drone



Ukrainian Spectator-M1 Drone



Ukrainian A1-AM Furia Drone



Ukrainian UJ-22 Airborne Drone



Ukrainian Spaitech Sparrow Drone

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (1)

February 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
24 February 2022	Unspecified	Missile attack on Odessa Air Base	Destroyed	U/K
24 February 2022	L-39 Albatros	Shot down in Khmelnytsky Oblast	Destroyed	Dimitry Kolomiets
24 February 2022	Five MiG-29s of 40th Tac Av Bde	Lost in combat	Destroyed	Lt Col Yerko Vyacheslav Vladimirovich Roman Pasulko Volodomyr Kokhansky Lt Col Eduard Vahorovsky Vyaseslav Radionova - all killed
24 February 2022	Two Su-25 and L-39 Trainer	Missile strikes on Kulbakino Air Base	Destroyed	None recorded
24 February 2022	Five L-39 Trainers in non-ops storage	Missile strikes against Chuhuiv Air Base	Destroyed	None recorded
24 February 2022	Four MiG-29s and one Su-24	Missile strikes against Starokostiantyniv Air Base	Destroyed	None recorded
24 February 2022	An-26 Transport ac	Shot down south of Kyiv	Destroyed	Five of 14 crew killed
24 February 2022	Two Su-27	Missile strikes on Ozerne Air Base in Zhytomyr Oblast	One destroyed; one damaged	Seven killed
24 February 2022	Su-24	Lost in Hostomel	Destroyed	Maj Dmitry Kulikov and Maj Nikolai Savchuk both killed
25 February 2022	Su-27	Shot down over Kyiv by S0400 SAMs	Crashed in residential complex	Col Oleksandr Oksanchenko killed
24-26 February 2022	Four Su-25s from 299 Tac Av Bde	Lost in in first days of war in Kherson Oblast	Destroyed	Lt Col Oleksander Zhibrov KIA 24/02/22 Oleksander Schervakov KIA 26/02/22 Capt of Su-25M1 KIA Andrey Maksinov taken PoW 26-27/02/22
27 February 2022	Six MiG-29s	Missile strike on Frankivsk Intl Airport	Destroyed	None recorded
27 February 2022	Four Su-24	Attacks on Lutsk Airport	Destroyed	None recorded
27 February 2022	Su-24 of 7 Tac Av Bde	Lost near Bucha, Kyiv Oblast	Destroyed	Cdr Ruslan Aleksandrovich Belous and Cdr Roman Aleksandrovich Dovhalyuk KIA and awarded Order of Bohdan Khmelnytsky
27 February 2022	Su-25 Bomber	Shot down near Hlibivka Vyshgorod, Kyiv region	Destroyed	Piloted by Gennady Matulyak
27 February 2022	An-26 Transport ac	In storage at Kherson Intel Airport	Destroyed	None recorded
28 February 2022	Su-27	Shot down by MANPADS over Kropyvnytskyi, Kirovohrad Oblast	Destroyed	Maj Stephan Chowan KIA and awarded Hero of Ukraine on 3/03/22
28 February 2022	Mil Mi-8	Shot down over Makariv, Kyiv region	Destroyed	Three crew killed

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (2)

March 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
2 March 2022	Su-25 of 299 Tac Av Bde	Lost over Starokostiantyniv, Khmelnytskyi Oblast	Destroyed	Oleksandr Korpan KIA 2/03/22
2 March 2022	MiG-29	Shot down over Kyiv	Destroyed	Alexander Brynzhal KIA awarded Hero of Ukraine order on 2/04/22
2 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Shot down near Novograd-Volynsky	Destroyed	Col Nikolai Kovalenko pilot KIA Capt Yevgeny Kazimirov nav KIA
3 March 2022	Su-25 of 299 Tac Av Bde	Lost over Mykolayv	Destroyed	Capt Vadim Moroz KIA
6 March 2022	Unidentified ac	Missile attack on Vinnytsia Air Base	Destroyed	None recorded
8 March 2022	Mig-29 of 40 Tac Av Bde	Lost near Kyiv	Destroyed	Maj Andrey Lyutashyn KIA
8 March 2022	Tu-141 Recce drone	Crashed in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
11 March 2022	Tu-141 Recce drone	Strayed off course and crashed in Zagreb, Croatia near student campus after running out of fuel	Destroyed	None recorded
12 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Shot down near Bilyaivka, Kherson Oblav	Destroyed	Valery Oshkalo KIA Roman Chekhun KIA
13 March 2022	Mig-29	Lost defending Ukrainian airspace	Destroyed	Capt Stephan Tarabalka KIA
13 March 2022	Tu-141 Recce drone	Shot down in Crimea	Destroyed	None recorded
14 March 2022	Mig-29	Shot down near Zhytomyr	Destroyed	Cdr Yevhen Lysenko KIA
14 March 2022	Su-25	Shot down over Volnovakha, Donbas region.	Destroyed	Roman Vasyliuk PoW released 24/04/22
17 March 2022	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down over Kyiv	Destroyed	None recorded
18 March 2022	Mig-29s under repair	Missile attack on Lviv State Aircraft Plant	Destroyed & Damaged	None recorded
20 March 2022	A1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down	Destroyed	None recorded
21 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Lost near Pokrovsky, Zaporizhya	Destroyed	Pilot KIA
22 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Heavily damaged in combat recorded on video	Heavily damaged	None recorded
22 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Shot down near Izyum	Destroyed	Pilot's body recovered - Alexey Kovalenko
23 March 2022	Mig-29 of 204 Tac Av Bde	Lost in air-to-air combat in Zhytomir	Destroyed	Cdr Dmitry Chumachenko KIA
25 March 2022	One Mil Mi-8 Two Mil Mi-24 Three Mil Mi-2	Parked at Kherson Into Airport when captured	Captured	Both the Mil Mi-8 and Mi-24 helicopters were recaptured by Ukraine forces in November 2022
29 March 2022	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in E Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
29 March 2022	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Chernihiv	Destroyed	None recorded
30 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber of 7 Tac Av Bde	Shot down in Kirovohrad, Kropyvnytskyi region	Destroyed	Pilot Maxim Sikalenko KIA Nav Konstantin Gorodnichev KIA
30 March 2022	Su-24 Bomber	Social media reports ac (the one above??) trailing smoke	Damaged	None recorded
30 March 2022	UJ-22Airborne Drone	Shot down by Pantsir S1 air defences	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (3)

Apr 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
<b>2 Apr 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Lost in Kherson	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>3 Apr 2022</b>	Su-24 Bomber	Reported destroyed in Ukraine, Footage of crash site showed AL-21 engine	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>4 Apr 2022</b>	Two Il-76 of 25 Tpt Bde	Destroyed on ground at Melitopol Air Base	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>12 April 2022</b>	One Leleka-100 Recce Drone	Shot down by Russian Naval Int forces	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>13 April 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Remains recorded by Russian troops in Azovstal, Mariupol	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>14 April 2022</b>	One Mig-29	Found destroyed in Nova Basan, Chernihiv Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>15 April 2022</b>	Su-25	Shot down in Izyum	Destroyed	Capt Yegor Seredyuk KIA awarded the Hero of Ukraine order
<b>15 April 2022</b>	MiL Mi-8	Remains discovered in North Ukraine, carrying APFSDS-T Tank rounds	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>25 April 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Kursk Oblast, after attacking Russian base	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>27 April 2022</b>	Two Bayraktar TB2 Drones	Shot down in Russia, one in Belgorod, the other in Kursk	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>28 April 2022</b>	Tu-141 Recce Drone	Shot down over Russian controlled Kherson	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>30 April 2022</b>	Tu-143 Drone	Shot down over Bryansk, Russia	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (4)

May 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
<b>1 May 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Kursk region, Russia	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>2 May 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Lyman	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>6 May 2022</b>	Spaitech Sparrow Drone	Shot down in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>6 May 2022</b>	Su-24	Crashed, pilot error, at Voznesensk airbase, Kherson	Destroyed	Both pilots survived
<b>10 May 2022</b>	Tu-143 Drone	Reported to have crashed in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>13 May 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Kharkiv Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>14 May 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Kharkiv Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>14 May 2022</b>	Su-25 of 299 Tac Av Bde	Shot down in Huliaipole, Zaporizhzhia Oblast	Destroyed	Capt Serhiy Parkhomenko KIA, buried in Vynytisia
<b>18 May 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>19 May 2022</b>	Su-24 of 7 Tac Av Bde	Lost near Soledar, Bakhmut	Destroyed	Pilot Lt Col Igor Khamar KIA Nav Maj Ilya Negar KIA
<b>20 May 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Vuhledar, Donetsk Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>22 May 2022</b>	Mil Mi-24P	Recorded as.....	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>23 May 2022</b>	Tu-143 Drone	Shot down in Rostov, Russia	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>30 May 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (5)

Jun 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
2 June 2022	Su-25	Remains found and recorded in Kherson region.	Destroyed earlier in the war	None recorded
4 June 2022	Drone of 14 Separate Artillery Bde, possibly Spectator-M1 model	Downed by Russian Tor air defence system	Destroyed	None recorded
5 June 2022	Su-27, initially recorded as a Russian Su-25	Shot down at low altitude near Orikhiv, Zaporizhzhia Oblast	Destroyed	Former OC 831 Tac Av Bde Pilot Lt Col Dimitry Fisher KIA
7 June 2022	Punisher Drone and Warmate Loitering Munition	Shot down in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
10 June 2022	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down by Strela-10 air defence system	Destroyed	None recorded
13 June 2022	Spectator-M1 Drone	Brought down by Russian EW units.	Retrieved by Russian units	None recorded
16 June 2022	Two Mig-29s and Su-24 Bomber	On ground during Russian attack on Voznesensk Airbase, Mykolaiv.	Destroyed	None recorded
16 June 2022	Mil Mi-8	Enemy fire near Adamivka, Donetsk	Destroyed	Piloted by Sergey Oleksandrovykh Meheda (unclear whether he survived)
18 June 2022	Mil Mi-8	Remains were displayed by satellite imagery, near Dnipro Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
22 June 2022	Two Drones (possibly Mugin-5 or SkyEye 5000)	One destroyed, attacking an oil refinery at Novoshakhtinsk	One Destroyed	None recorded
23 June 2022	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Sievierodonetsk	Destroyed	None recorded
26 June 2022	Su-24 MR	Lost on mission to Snake Island, Black Sea	Destroyed	OC 40 Tac Av Bde, pilot Col Mikhail Matyushenko KIA Nav Maj Yuri Krasynikos Reported Missing
29 June 2022	Tu-141 Recce Drone	Shot down East of Kursk	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (6)

July 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
2 July 2022	Su-27	Recorded damaged being transported for repairs	Damaged	None recorded
3 July 2022	Two Tu-143 Drones	Shot down in the direction of Kursk Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
21 July 2022	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Kharkiv Oblast attempting to enter Russian territory	Destroyed	None recorded
25 July 2022	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Belgorod Oblast	Destroyed	None recorded
26 July 2022	Su-25	Lost in combat mission in Dnipro	Destroyed	Chf of Int 299 Tac Av Bde Aleksander Kukurba KIA
30 July 2022	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (7)

August 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
<b>1 August 2022</b>	Spectator-M1 Drone	Brought down in East Ukraine (?)	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>7 August 2023</b>	Il-76 Ser No UR-76699	Reported under Russian control in Melitopol Airport	Captured	None recorded
<b>9 August 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Shot down in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>9 August 2022</b>	Mil Mi-24P	Reported as.....	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>14 August 2022</b>	MiG-29 of 204 Av Bde	Lost in combat	Destroyed	Pilot Lt Col Anton Listopad KIA
<b>15 August 2022</b>	MiG-29 of 114 Av Bde	Lost in combat	Destroyed	Pilot Col Yuri Pohorily KIA
<b>17 August 2022</b>	UAV Factory Penguin Recce vehicle	Downed and displayed as an exhibit at Intel Mil & Tech Forum ARMY 2022 in Kubinka, Russia	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>19 August 2022</b>	SkyEye 5000 Drone	Shot down in Drone attack on Black Sea HQ of Russian Fleet in Sevastopol	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>21 August 2022</b>	Mil Mi-8	Shot down at low altitude in Kharkiv	Destroyed	Pilot survived
<b>21 August 2022</b>	Su-27	Lost in combat mission	Destroyed	Pilot Lt Col Pablo Babych KIA
<b>22 August 2022</b>	Bayraktar Mini UAV	Shot down in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>22 August 2022</b>	ASU-1 Valkyrja Recce UAV	Shot down	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (8)

September 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
<b>2 September 2022</b>	Bayraktar TB2 Drone	Remains discovered in Kherson	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>7 September 2022</b>	Su-25	Shot down in combat mission	Destroyed	OC 299 Tac Av Bde pilot Vadim Blagovismy KIA
<b>11 September 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down in Donetsk region	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>19 September 2022</b>	Su-25	Remains found in Yehorivka by 9K33 Osa SAM	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>20 September 2022</b>	Ukrspesystems PD-1 multi-purpose UAV	Captured in transport containers with documentation in cache near Kostohryzove, Kherson	Captured in tact	None recorded
<b>25 September 2022</b>	AS1-AM Furia Recce Drone	Shot down by 9K33 Osa SAM	Destroyed	None recorded
<b>29 September 2022</b>	Su-24	Shot down by Russian SAM in Kaluga, Kherson Oblast	Destroyed	Pilots Lt Col Yevgeny Solovyov and Capt Artem Khanko ejected
<b>29 September 2022</b>	MiG-29	Reported lost	Destroyed	Pilot Maj Taras Viktorovych Redkin KIA
<b>30 September 2022</b>	Unidentified UAV	Reported shot down by Pantsir-S1 SAMs	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (9)

October 2022

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
11 October 2022	ASU-1 Valkyrja Recce UAV	Shot down in Luhansk	Destroyed	None recorded
11 October 2022	Su-27 of 39 Tac Av Bde	Shot down over Shishatsk, Poltava Oblast	Destroyed	Pilot Col Oleg Shupik KIA
12 October 2022	Su-24M	Shot down by MiG-31 missile in air combat	Destroyed	Pilot Dmytro Bortnyk KIA Other pilot survived
12 October 2022	Mig-29	Lost intercepting Russian loitering ammunition Shahed-136 drones in Vynnitsia, N Ukraine	Destroyed by one drone detonating near MiG-29	Pilot Maj Vadym Voroshylov ejected
12 October 2022	T150 Cargo Drone	Downed in Ramzan Kadyrov	Destroyed	None recorded
13 October 2022	Mil Mi-8 MSB	Remains discovered in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
18 October 2022	Mil Mi-8	Remains discovered in Ukraine, likely lost in March 2022	Destroyed	None recorded
23 October 2022	ASU-1 Valkyrja Recce UAV	Downed in Zaporizhya	Destroyed	None recorded
28 October 2022	Spaitech Sparrow Drone	Shot down in Ukraine	Destroyed	None recorded
31 October 2022	Mil Mi-8	Crashed in Ukrainian controlled Konstantinovka, Donetsk Oblast	Unclear what damage sustained	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (10)

Q1 2023

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
6 January 2023	Su-25	An Su-25 was shot down by a MANPAD over Bakhmut, the engines of the aircraft were recorded later on the city streets in April 2023 by Russian media.	Destroyed	None recorded
7 January 2023	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was recorded by satellite imagery destroyed near Kurakhove, Donetsk Oblast likely shot down by friendly fire.	Destroyed	None recorded
14 February 2023	Mil Mi-8	A wreck of a Mil Mi-8 with digital camouflage was filmed from the cockpit of another Mi-8. It is unclear when and where it was lost.	Destroyed	None recorded
18 February 2023	Mil Mi-8	A Mil Mi-8 was shot down by Wagner forces near Bakhmut	Destroyed	None recorded
27 January 2023	Su-25	An Su-25 was shot down by an enemy jet fighter near Kramatorsk.	Destroyed	299th Tactical Aviation Brigade pilot Danilo Murashko
13 February 2023	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was shot down while intercepting Shahed-136 loitering munition, reportedly in the area of Pishchanka, Vinnytsia Oblast.	Destroyed	Pilot, Lieutenant Dmytro Shklyarevskyi, ejected but was injured and subsequently hospitalised.
1 March 2023	Su-24	An Su-24M was shot down near Bakhmut.	Destroyed	NBoth crewmembers, Lt Col Viktor Volynets and Snr Lt Solomennikov, were killed.
28 March 2023	Su-27	An Su-27, call sign <i>Blue 30</i> , was lost, while it was intercepting Russian loitering ammunition Shahed 136 drones near Myrhorod, Poltava.	Destroyed	Pilot Major Denis Kirilyuk killed

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (11)

Q2 2023

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
17 May 2023	Mil Mi-24	A Mil Mi-24 was damaged during combat.	Damaged	None recorded
2 June 2023	Mig-29	Ukrainian media reported loss of fighter call sign "Nomad", during combat mission on Pokrovsk, Donetsk Oblast Pilot participated in a US-sponsored training program at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.	Destroyed	Pilot Vladyslav Savieliev killed
9 June 2023	Mil Mi-17V-5	A Mi-17V-5, Serial Number 846, was lost in Kharkiv.	Destroyed	One crewmember, Vladyslav Zozulay,

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (12)

Q3 2023

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
24 July 2023	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was hit and damaged by Russian ZALA Lancet kamikaze drone at Krivoi Rog Air Base.	Damaged	None recorded
1 August 2023	Mil Mi-8	A Mil Mi-8 was shot down by Russian forces in the area of Mykhailivka, Beryslav Raion, Kherson Oblast.	Destroyed	None recorded
25 August 2023	Two L-39 Albatros	Two L-39 Albatros aircraft collided in Zhytomyr Oblast.	Destroyed	Three pilots killed, including Major <a href="#">Andrii Pilshchykov</a> callsign <i>Juice</i> .
19 September 2023	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was hit and damaged by Russian ZALA Lancet kamikaze drone at Krivoi Rog Air Base.	Damaged	None recorded
23 September 2023	Mig-29 or Su-25	Two aircraft, presumably MiG-29 or Su-25 were destroyed at Krivoi Rog Air Base.	Destroyed	None recorded
25 September 2023	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was destroyed at Kulbakino Air Base, Mykolaiv.	Destroyed	None recorded

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (13)

Q4 2023

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
10 October 2023	Su-25	An Su-25 was destroyed by a ZALA Lancet 3 drone attack on the tarmac of Dolgintsevo air base near Krivoi Rog Air Base.	Destroyed	None recorded
16 October 2023	Two L-39 Albatros	Two L-39s, including <i>Blue 02</i> were destroyed in Odesa airfield by a Russian missile strike according to satellite imagery.	Destroyed	None recorded
26 October 2023	Two Mig-29	Two MiG-29s were destroyed on the ground at Kulbakino airbase.	Destroyed	None recorded
22 December 2023	Su-27	An Su-27 was lost over Ozerne Airfield during a Geran 2 attack.	Damaged	Pilot Major Stanislav Romanenko died.

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (14)

Q1 2024

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
5 January 2024	Mig-29	A Mig-29 was lost to enemy fire during a combat mission.	Destroyed	Pilot Vladyslav Zalistovskyi, call sign "Blue Helmet", from the 114th Tactical Aviation Brigade died
7 February 2024	Su-25	A Su-25 from the 299th Tactical Aviation Brigade was shot down by a Russian Su-35 during combat sortie over Ukraine,	Destroyed	Pilot Commander Vladyslav Rykov died.
8 March 2024	MiG-29	A MiG-29, tail number 371, was shot down over north of Shevchenko, Donetsk.	Destroyed	Pilot Andriy Tkachenko died.
20 March 2024	L-39	An Aero Albatros L-39 was destroyed by a Zala drone in Kulbakino, Mykolaiv Oblast.	Destroyed	

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (15)

Q2 2024

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
18 April 2024	3 x Mig-29	Three MiG-29s of the 114th Tactical Aviation Brigade were damaged by Russian cluster munition at Dnipro International Airport.	Destroyed	
20 April 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29S was destroyed by Russian missile strike at Dnipro International Airport	Destroyed	
27 April 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29A call sign <i>371</i> of the 40th Aviation Brigade was lost during a mission.	Destroyed	The pilot Lt. Col Valentin Korenchuk died.
30 April 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29MU1 call sign <i>White 22</i> made an emergency landing in a field north of Marina Roscha in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast. The aircraft was damaged but repairable.	Damaged	
17 May 2024	Su-27	A Su-27 piloted of the 831st Tactical Aviation Brigade was shot down by a Russian Su-35S	Destroyed	Lieutenant Colonel Denis Vasylyuk died.
22 May 2024	MiG-29	A MiG-29 was destroyed on the ground at Dnipro Airport, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast.	Destroyed	
6 June 2024	Su-25	A Su-25 was damaged beyond repair by a Lancet loitering munition drone at the Kryvyi Rih air base.	Destroyed	
10 June 2024	Su-27	A Su-27UB was damaged beyond repair by an Iskander attack on Myrhorod Air Base.	Destroyed	
11 June 2024	Su-25	Another Su-25 was destroyed by a Lancet loitering munition attack at the Kryvyi Rih air base.	Destroyed	

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (16)

Q3 2024

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
1 July 2024	6 x Su-27	Two Su-27s were destroyed and four damaged as a result of Russian Iskander-M missile strike on Myrhorod Air Base in Poltava Oblast.	2 x Destroyed 4 x Damaged	
3 July 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was destroyed during Russian Iskander-M missile strike on Dolgintsevo Air Base in Dnepropetrovsk Oblast	Destroyed	
29 July 2024	Su-25	A Su-25 was destroyed in the ground by Russian Lancet strike in Kryvyi Rih.	Destroyed	
12 August 2024	Su-27	A Su-27 was damaged in the ground at Myrhorod Air Base, Poltava Oblast.	Damaged	
12 August 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29, 72 <i>White</i> , piloted by Olexander Migulya was shot down in a combat mission by a Russian Su-30.	Destroyed	Unsure
16 August 2024	MiG-29	A MiG-29 was destroyed on the ground by Russian Iskander M strike in Dnipro Airport.	Destroyed	
22 August 2024	L-39	An Aero Albatros L-39 suffered an accident during flight when a stork impacted the canopy injuring Pilot Sergei Pluguzov, he ejected but died, the damaged L-39 was successfully landed by navigator Viktor Zhos.	Damaged	Crew survived
26 August 2024	F-16	An ex-Danish Air Force F-16, Serial Number 80-3600, was lost in Ukraine during a Russian missile and drone attack, according to US officials.	Destroyed	Pilot Lt. Col. Oleksii "Moonfish" Mes was killed.

# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (17)

Q4 2024

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
22 November 2024	Mig-29	A MiG-29 was destroyed in the ground at Dnipro International Airport by a Iskander missile.	Destroyed	
14 December 2024	Su-25	An Su-25, <i>Blue 27</i> , of the 299th Tactical Aviation Brigade was shot down by Russian S-400 defence system near Kherson Oblast.	Destroyed	The pilot, Vladislav Igorevich Solop, was killed

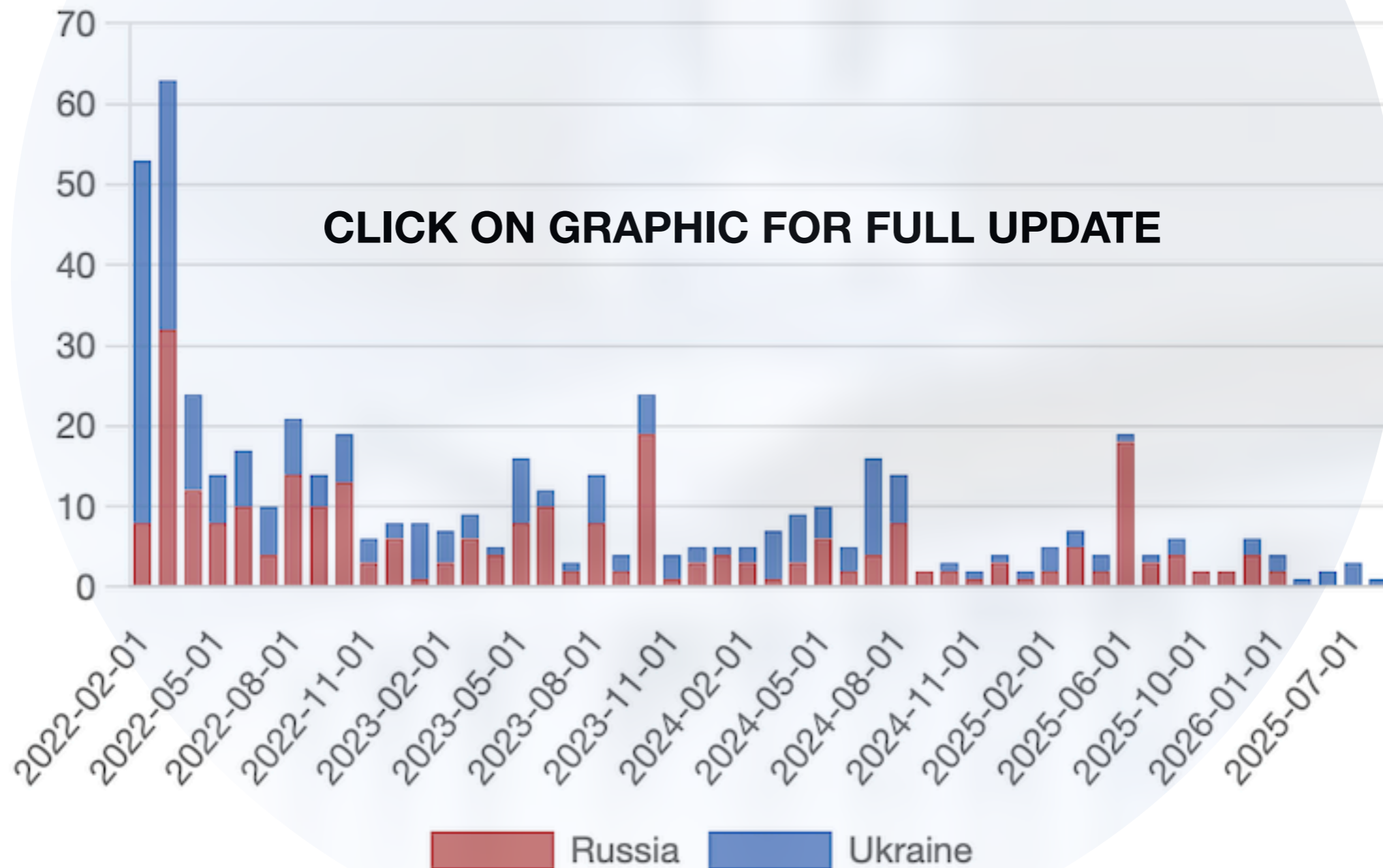
# UAF Losses Fighting the Russian Invasion (18)

Q4 2024

Date	Aircraft	Incident	Loss	Casualties
2 February 2025	Su-27	A Su-27 of the 831st Tactical Aviation Brigade was shot down near Pokrovsk, Donetsk Oblast by Russian aircraft.	Destroyed	The pilot, Captain Ivan Bolotov, was killed.

# 2025/2026 Update

## Monthly Losses



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