



The exploits of RAF pilots during the Battle of Britain are well documented, less well known are parts played by aircrew from overseas and of the Fleet Air Arm.

As the RAF were critically short of pilots, two Fleet Air Arm squadrons (804 & 808) and 50 or so men were loaned to RAF Fighter Command, with 804 squadron defending the dockyards flying Sea Gladiators and 808 squadron flying Fulmars.

This presentation is dedicated to all Fleet Air Arm pilots and ground crews that took part in the Battle of Britain.

Planes flown by the Naval Pilots of the Fleet Air Arm during the Battle of Britain



**Spitfire**



**Blenheim**



**Gladiator**



**Fulmar**



**Hurricane**



Sub/Lt A.G. BLAKE

Pilot - 19 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Spitfires from Buxford.

Shot down Heinkel 111 H-3 (5713:V4+BL) of 3/KG. 1 over N.E. London at 17.50 hrs (Uffz. Marck, ofw Heindrich, Gefr Reinecke and two others missing.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 15/9/40 in Spitfire flying off Fowlmere but aircraft damaged by 109 and force-landed 14.50 hrs. Unhurt.

Also shot down (shared) Heinkel He 111 15/9/40.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-1 (5141) (Oblt. Jakob Stoll St. Kap missing) and Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-1 (1288) (Oblt Herbert Selinger missing) at 15.45 hrs east of London. Both 109's from 9/JG53. 17/9/40.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-4 (1447) (Uffz. Scheidt killed) of 6/JG27 near Tonbridge 12.31 hrs 27/9/40. Also shot down further unidentified Messerschmitt Bf109 same day.

Killed in action - 29/10/40 when shot down in Spitfire P7423 by Messerschmitt Bf 109's over Chelmsford at 16.50 hrs.

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN =  $6\frac{1}{2}$



Sub/Lt A.G. Blake (front left)  
with Sub/Lt (A) R.J. Cork



Spitfire



Hurricane

Sub/Lt (A) R.J. CORK

Pilot - 242 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Coltishall.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 110 30/8/40 flying under Douglas Bader.

Shot down Dornier Do 215 (7/9/40). Also shot down Messerschmitt Bf110 the same day.

Shot down two Dornier Do 17's (15/9/40).

Awarded D.S.O. and D.F.C.

Killed since Battle.

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN = 5



Spitfire

Sub/Lt F. DAWSON-PAUL

Pilot - 64 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Spitfires off Kenley, Fenton and Leconfield.

Shot down (shared) Dornier Do 17z of 2 KG. 77 (1/7/40) at 19.30 hrs 45 miles south of Beachy Head. Dornier was plotted approaching Kenley airfield - four crew missing.

Shot down two Messerschmitt Bf 110 C-2's of III/ZG. 26 at 13.50 hrs near Calais - flying Hurricane (10/7/40).

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-4 of 9/JG. 511 (3/7/40) at 17.58 hrs flying Spitfire south of Folkestone. German pilot killed.

Shot down Dornier Do 215 (24/7/40).

Killed in action - 25/7/40. Flying Spitfire L1035 off Kenley, shot down at 18.00 hrs by Messerschmitt Bf 109's off Kent coast. For some days believed to have been picked up by German E-boat but, after 10 days, missing presumed killed.

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 4½



Hurricane

Lt (R.M.) R.C. HAY

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Fulmars off Wick.

**AWARDED D.S.O. and D.S.C.  
and Bar.**



Fulmar

Sub/Lt D.N. JERAM

Pilot - 213 Squadron, joined 5/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Exeter.

Shot down Junkers Ju 88 over Weymouth and Portland (11/8/40).

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 110 (12/8/40).

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 110 (15/8/40).

Shot Down Dornier Do 17  
( 15/9/40).

**TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 4**



Hurricane

Sub/Lt H.W. BEGGS

Pilot - 151 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off North Weald and Stapleford.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109-E1 of 4/JG.52 over Kent 16.24 hours on 14/8/40.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 1

Lt R.A. BIRD

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), joined 1/7/40 flying Sea Gladiators off Wick

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Mid/Ship M.A. BIRRELL

Pilot - 79 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes of Biggin Hill.

Returned to 804 Squadron (FAA) mid-July 1940 flying Sea Gladiators off Wick

AWARDED D.S.C.

Sub/Lt G.G.R. BULMER

Pilot - 32 Squadron, joined 7/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Biggin Hill.

Killed in action 20/7/40 by Messerschmitt Bf 109 of 1/JG. 51 acting as fighter escort to Junkers Ju 87's dive-bombing Convoy BOSOM.

Shot down 5 miles north east of Dover, baled out into sea but drowned. 18.20 hrs.

Sub/Lt H.G.K. BRAMAH

Pilot, - 213 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Exeter.

Sub/Lt R.F. BRYANT

Pilot - 263 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Grangemouth.

Posted to 219 Squadron - 10/7/40 flying Blenheim fighters off Catterick.

Posted to 245 Squadron 13/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Hawkinge

Sub/Lt S.H. BUNCH

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

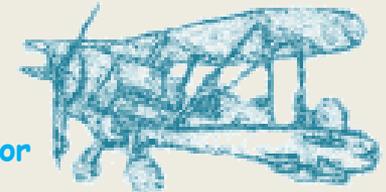


Blenheim

Hurricane



Gladiator



Lt R.H.P. CARVER

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt P.S.C. CHILTON

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt J.C. CARPENTER

Pilot - 229 Squadron, joined 9/7/40 flying  
Hurricanes off Wittering. Posted to 46 Squadron  
- 23/7/49 flying Hurricanes of Digby.

Shot down Bf 110 C-4 (3M+BF. 2146) (Oblt.  
Gottschalk and Uffz. Hoffman missing) of 1/ZG.  
2 at 10.40 hrs 3/9/40 south east of North  
Weald. Bf 110 returning as fighter escort to  
Dornier Do 17's after devastating bombing raid on  
North Weald airfield.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-4 (1098) of  
II/JG. 54 at 15.22 hrs on 5/9/40 in Southend  
area (German pilot unhurt). 109's spotted whilst  
Carpenter was on patrol over Rochford at  
20,000 ft.

Killed in action at 12.15 hrs 8/9/40. Flying off  
Stapleford in a Hurricane - went missing after  
combat with Messerschmitt Bf109's over  
Sheerness - presumed killed.

**TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 2**

Lt J.P. COATES

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

**Killed since Battle.**

Lt/Cdr J.C. COCKBURN

Pilot, - Command 804 Squadron,  
(FAA), flying Sea Gladiators off  
Wick.

Sub/Lt R.C. COCKBURN

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying Fulmars off  
Wick.



**Hurricane**



**Fulmar**



**Gladiator**

Petty Officer R.E. DUBBER

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying Fulmars off Wick.

Died later

Sub/Lt M.D. GRANT

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt R.E. GARDENER

Pilot - 242 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Coltishall.

Shot down Heinkel He 111 H-2 of III/KG. 53 off Norfolk coast (Ltn. Kupfer and one other killed - two others missing).

Shot down Dornier Do 215 (shared) or Dornier Do 17z-3 (4KG > 3) near Norwich 12.20 hrs. (Two German crew killed - two missing).

Information differs in the records of this action (21/8/40) but it is believed that the score of one Dornier Do 17z-3 is the correct one.

Shot down Dornier Do 215 (7/9/40).

Shot down Dornier Do 17 (18/9/40).

AWARDED O.B.E. and D.S.C.

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 4

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Sub/Lt H. La Fore GREENSHIELDS

Pilot - 266 Squadron, joined 1/7/40 flying Spitfires off Tangmere and Wittering.

Shot down Messerschmitt Bf 109 E-4 of 2/JG. 54 (15/8/40) at 1845 hrs south east of Dover (German pilot missing).

Killed in action flying Spitfire N.3240 at 12.45 hrs on 16/8/40 - shot down by Messerschmitt Bf 109's into sea near Deal after taking off from Hornchurch.

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
SHOT DOWN = 1

Sub/Lt G.C.M. GUTHRIE

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying Fulmars off Wick.

Mid/Ship P.R.J. GILBERT

Pilot - 111 Squadron, joined 22/9/40 flying Hurricanes off Croydon and Debden.

Mid/Ship P. GUY

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying Fulmars off Wick.

KILLED



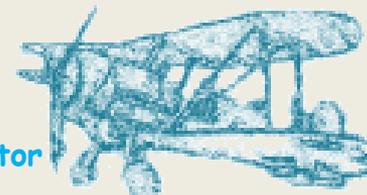
Hurricane



Fulmar



Spitfire



Gladiator

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Sub/Lt D.A. HUTCHINSON

Pilot, -74 Squadron, joined 6/7/40  
flying Spitfires off Hornchurch.

Joined 804 Squadron, (FAA), - 20/7/40  
(via 760 Squadron FAA) flying Sea  
Gladiators off Wick.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**

Lt A.T.J. KINDERSLEY

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Fulmars off Wick.

Sub/Lt R.R. LAMB

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt I.H. KESTIN

Pilot - 145 Squadron, joined  
1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off  
Tangmere and Westhampnett.

Killed in action - 1/8/40 when  
flying Hurricane P3155 out of  
Westhampnett. At 15.15 hrs  
attacked Henschel Hs 126 of 4.  
(H)/31 some 10 miles south of  
Hastings but was shot down by  
return fire and killed. The  
Henschell was then shot down by  
Pilot Officer Ernest Wakeham.

Mid/Ship P.L. LENNARD

Pilot - 501 Squadron, joined 8/7/40  
flying Hurricanes off Croydon.

Posted away 20/7/40.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**



Spitfire



Hurricane



Gladiator



Fulmar

Lt A.E. MARSH (R.M.)

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Petty Officer T.J. MAHONEY

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Lt A. MacL. MacKINNON

Pilot - 804 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt R.M.S. MARTIN

Pilot - 808 Squadron, (FAA), flying  
Fulmars off Wick.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**

Sub/Lt W.J.M. MOSS

Pilot - joined 213 Squadron 1/7/40  
flying Hurricanes off Exeter.

Killed in action 27/8/40 when his  
Hurricane struck sea during patrol,  
flying off Exeter.  
Assumed killed.

Sub/Lt W.R. NOWELL

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.



Gladiator



Fulmar



Hurricane

Sub/Lt T.R.V. Parke

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**

Sub/Lt J.B. PUTNEY

Pilot - joined 64 Squadron 8/7/40  
flying Spitfires off Kenley, Church  
Fenton and Leconfield.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**

Lt B. PATERSON

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt J. REARDON-PARKER

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

\*Note on official documentation

Should this be  
**RIORDEN-PARKER? \***

Sub/Lt N.H. PATTERSON

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying  
Sea Gladiators off Wick.

**KILLED SINCE BATTLE**

Mid/Ship P.J. PATTERSON

Pilot - joined 242 Squadron flying  
Hurricanes off Coltishall 1/7/40.

Killed in action 20/8/40 when  
Hurricane crashed into the sea 5  
miles north east of Winterton during  
patrol.

Sub/Lt D.H. RICHARDS

Pilot - joined 111 Squadron 22/9/40  
flying Hurricanes off Debden.

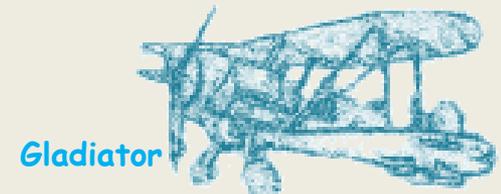
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Spitfire



Hurricane



Gladiator

Mid/Ship G.W. ROBERTS

Pilot - 808 Squadron (FAA) flying Fulmars off Wick.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Sub/Lt F.A. SMITH

Pilot- joined 145 Squadron 2/7/40 flying Hurricanes off Tangmere and Westhampnett.

Killed in action 8/8/40 at 16.25 hrs. Flying Hurricane of Westhampnett, was shot down by Messerschmitt Bf 110's attacking Convoy PEWITT off the Isle of Wight.

Lt G.F. RUSSELL

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Petty Off. F.J. SHAW

Pilot 804 Squadron (FAA) flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Petty Off. W.E.J. STOCKWELL

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Lt J.W. SLEIGH

Pilot 804 Squadron (FAA) flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.

Sub/Lt J.H.C. SYKES

Pilot - joined 64 Squadron 8/7/40 flying Spitfires off Kenley, Church Fenton and Leconfield.



Fulmar



Hurricane



Gladiator



Spitfire

Petty Off. D.E. TAYLOR

Pilot - 808 Squadron (FAA) flying Fulmars off Wick.

Sub/Lt R.W.M. WALSH

Pilot - joined 111 Squadron 22/9/40 flying Hurricanes off Debden.

Lt (A) E.W.T. TAYLOUR

Pilot - 808 Squadron (FAA) flying Fulmars off Wick.

AWARDED D.S.C. and BAR

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Mid/Ship O.M. WIGHTMAN

Pilot - joined 151 Squadron 1/7/40 flying Hurricanes off North Weald.

Shot down in Hurricane at 14.00 hrs 9/7/40 flying off North Weald to protect convoy in Thames Estuary by Messerschmitt Bf 109. Picked up safely by trawler.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Lt R.C. TILLARD

Pilot - 808 Squadron (FAA) flying Fulmars off Wick.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Sub/Lt T.V. WORRALL

Pilot - joined 111 Squadron 22/9/40 flying Hurricanes off Debden.

KILLED SINCE BATTLE

Sub/Lt WALLACE

Pilot - joined 74 Squadron 6/7/40 flying Spitfires off Hornchurch. Posted away 27/7/40.

Lt (R.M.) A.J. WRIGHT

Pilot - 804 Squadron (FAA) flying Sea Gladiators off Wick.



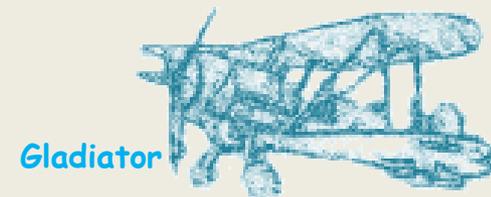
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# 804 Squadron Aircrew

Midshipman M.A. Birrell	Flew Sea Gladiators.	Also flew Hurricanes with 79 Squadron RAF
Lt R.A. Bird	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt S.H. Bunch	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt R.H.P. Carver	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt P.S.C. Chiltern	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt J.P. Coates	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt/Cdr J.C. Cockburn	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt M.D. Grant	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt D.A. Hutchinson	Flew Sea Gladiators	Also flew Spitfires with 74 Squadron RAF
Sub/Lt R.R. Lamb	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt A.E. Marsh	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt A.M. MacKinnon	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt T.J. Mahoney	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt W.R. Nowell	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt T.R.V. Parke	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt B. Paterson	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt N.H. Patterson	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Sub/Lt J. Reardon-Parker	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt G.F. Russell	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Petty Officer F.J. Shaw	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt J.W. Sleigh	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Petty Officer W.E.J. Stockwell	Flew Sea Gladiators	
Lt A.J. Wright	Flew Sea Gladiators	

## 808 Squadron Aircrew

Sub/Lt R.C. Cockburn	Flew Fulmars
Petty Officer R.E. Dubber	Flew Fulmars
Sub/Lt G.C.M. Guthrie	Flew Fulmars
Midshipman P. Guy	Flew Fulmars
Lt A.T.L. Kindersley	Flew Fulmars
Sub/Lt R.M.S. Martin	Flew Fulmars
Midshipman G.W. Roberts	Flew Fulmars
Lt R.C. Hay (RM)	Flew Fulmars
Petty Officer D.E. Taylor	Flew Fulmars
Lt (A) E.W.T. Taylour	Flew Fulmars
Lt R.C. Tillard	Flew Fulmars

# Seconded to RAF Squadrons

Sub/Lt H.W. Beggs	151 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt A.G. Blake	19 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Sub/Lt H.G.K. Bramah	213 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt G.G.R. Bulmer	32 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt R.L. Bryant	263 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	Also flew Blenheims with 219 Squadron
Sub/Lt (RN Canada) J.C. Carpenter	229 & 46 Squadrons	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt R.J. Cork	242 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt F. Dawson-Paul	64 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	Also flew Spitfires
Sub/Lt R.E. Gardener	242 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Midshipman P.R.J. Gilbert	111 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt H La Fore Greenshields	266 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Sub/Lt D.M. Jeram	213 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt I.H. Kestin	145 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Midshipman P.L. Lennard	501 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt W.J.M. Moss	213 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Midshipman P.J. Patterson	242 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt G.B. Pudney	64 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Sub/Lt D.H. Richards	111 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt F.A. Smith	145 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt J.H.C. Sykes	64 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Sub/Lt R.W.M. Walsh	111 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Sub/Lt Wallace	74 Squadron	Flew Spitfires	
Midshipman O.M. Wightman	151 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	
Sub/Lt T.V. Worrall	111 Squadron	Flew Hurricanes	

'Quote'

*"The gratitude of every home in our Island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to British airmen, who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."*

Winston Churchill  
The Prime Minister



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## The Royal Navy Historic Flight

The RNHF is based at the Royal Naval Air Station,  
Yeovilton in Somerset.

They were established in 1972 in order to preserve our Naval Heritage.  
Also they are a living memorial to all Fleet Air Arm personnel,  
especially those who gave their lives in maintaining the  
freedom of our nation.

They rely on voluntary donations to continue this valuable work.

Over the next few slides we have acquired  
photos on a couple of the planes they maintain.

The photos were taken by Gill Charles on a visit to  
RNHF in February 2011.



**DANGER**

A/C ON JACKS

**HAWKER SEA HAWK**

Role • • • • • FGA Mk 6 (Fighter Ground Attack).  
Engine • • • • • Rolls Royce Nene 103,5200lb static thrust  
Performance • Mach .84 (555mph) at 36,000ft.  
599mph at Sea Level.  
Service ceiling 44,700ft.  
Armament • • 4 x 20mm Hispano Cannon and/or  
12 x 3inch Rockets, 2x 1,000lb Bombs.





**FAIREY SWORDFISH**  
Role • • • • • Torpedo-Spotter-Reconnaissance.  
Engine • • • • • 1100 h.p. Bristol Pegasus Mk. XXX.  
Performance • 130 mph, Maximum at 4,750 ft.  
Cruise 105 • 120 mph at 5,000 ft.  
Range 540 miles with 1 Torpedo.  
Armament • 2 X .303 Machine Guns, 1 Hatch Torpedo,  
1 X 100 lb Bomb, 100 lb Charge Bomb,  
(Swordfish 2 & Later) 8 x 60 lb Rockets.



**Information Sources:  
Fleet Air Arm  
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