



It's Mine!

Vic Flintham and Andrew Thomas examine the Spitfires that carried the initials of senior officers – the ultimate personalised; number plate!



FROM TIME to time, and with no apparent rules, officers have applied their initials in some form or another to 'their' allocated aircraft, often in the same style as unit codes. The practice seems to have started in mid-1941 with one of the earliest examples being the Supermarine Spitfire used by the irrepressible Wg Cdr Douglas Bader. The privilege was usually, though not exclusively, accorded to officers of wing commander rank or above but, as ever, there were exceptions.

The application of personal initials was almost totally confined to fighters, and as Wings were formed the Wing Leaders' aircraft usually bore their initials, though often in the same layout as 'normal' squadron or unit code letters. From the early war years the preponderance of the Spitfire in RAF fighter squadrons meant that they formed the canvas for many unusual displays of what are sometimes, and perhaps more accurately, referred to as 'Personal Codes'.

Indeed, the most commonly marked type was the Spitfire, and the custom continued into the post-war years. The practice was common in Europe, the Middle East and Italy, though something of a rarity, on Spitfires at least, in Burma and the Far East.

It will be noted that there are occasions where over time the rank of aircrew suggests demotion. This is simply a reflection of a change from wartime ranks to substantive peacetime

ranks for officers who remained in the RAF as regulars after the war had ended.

As indicated already, in general the presentation of initials was similar to that of unit codes. Sometimes they spanned the fuselage roundel as 'CR-C' or apart from it as 'DRS' or 'JMR'.

Less common was application in conjunction with unit codes, for example in the form 'YT-JAS'. The practice was not confined to the RAF and aircraft, particularly Spitfires, of the RAAF, RCAF, RNZAF and SAAF were also individualized, as were those of COs of some Free French units. Very unusually too, the leaders of several USAAF Wings also used personalized Spitfires, as did the COs of several

Naval Air Squadrons, though both these were rare indeed. Occasionally, officers used some form of letters other than their initials.

Known examples of 'Personally Coded' Spitfires appear in the table. As ever, if *FlyPast* readers can add to this fascinating subject, the authors would love to hear from them.

This table is adapted from one contained in the book 'Combat Codes' compiled by the authors and published by Crowood Press (£45.00 - 01672 520320, www.crowoodpress.co.uk). It contains a full explanation and listing of British, Commonwealth and Allied air force unit codes since 1938 and is the most comprehensive work published on the subject - ED.

TOP: In addition to his initials, Air Chief Marshal Sir James Robb's Spitfire XVI SL721 carried his rank pennant, 'star plates' and a special overall blue colour scheme. It is extant in the USA as N721WK.

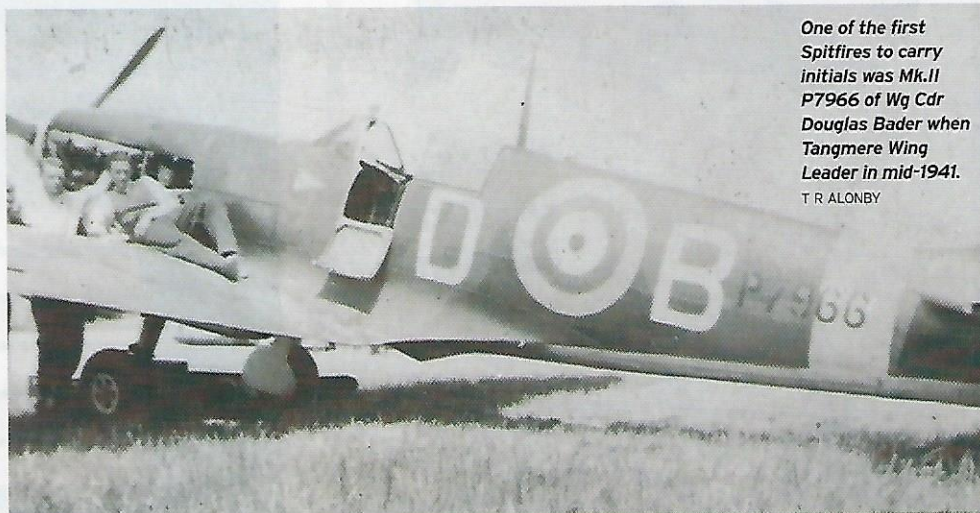
ROY BONSER COLLECTION

ABOVE: The leading Australian 'ace' was Wg Cdr Clive R Caldwell who 'owned' Mk.VIII A58-484 when OC 80 Wing RAAF in New Guinea.

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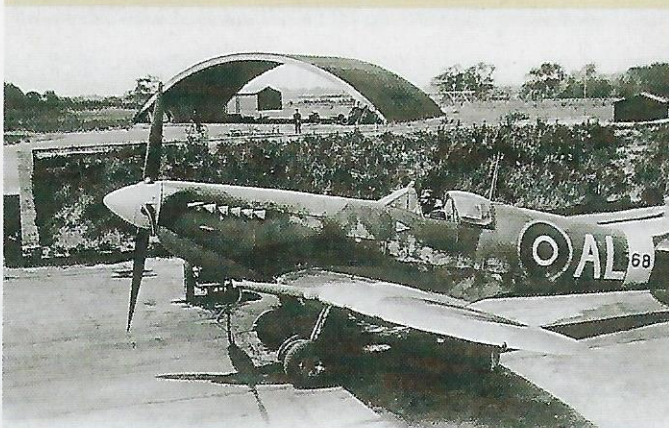
One of the first Spitfires to carry initials was Mk.II P7966 of Wg Cdr Douglas Bader when Tangmere Wing Leader in mid-1941.

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'Personally Coded' Spitfires

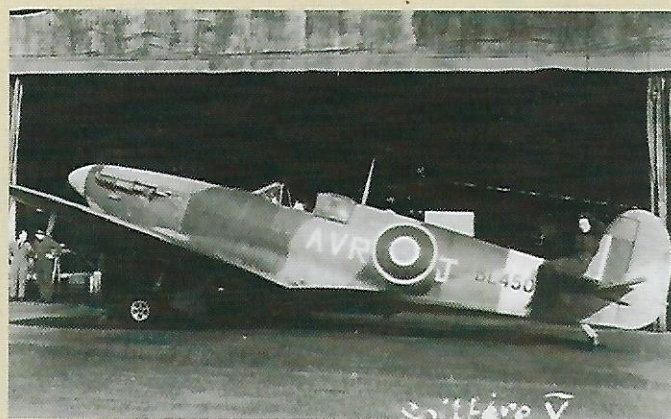
| Code | Name | Role / Unit | Spitfire | Serial | Theatre | Year(s) | Code | Name | Role / Unit | Spitfire | Serial | Theatre | Year(s) |
|------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| AAY | not known | Radio Warfare Est | Vb | AA915 | UK | 45 | EP | ? | Fight Leader Sch | IX | ? | UK | 44-45 |
| ACB | A C Bartley | ? | ? | ? | UK | ? | EPA | Col E P Allen | 9th TAC AF | IX | ? | UK | 44 |
| ACS | Wg Cdr A C Smith | 125 Wing | IX | MX614 | UK | 44 | EPW | Wg Cdr E P Wells | Wg Cdr Detling | IX | ? | UK | 44 |
| ADJL | Wg Cdr A D J Lovell | OC Safi Wing | V | ? | Med ME | 43 | EW-2 | Gp Capt E W Whitley | Cdt, Fighter Ldr Sch | Vb | EP770 | UK | 44 |
| AG | not known | Fighter Leader Sch | IX | ? | UK | 44 | FA | ? | 73 OTU | Vb | ER934 | Med ME | ? |
| AGM | Wg Cdr A G Malan | WL Biggin Hill | Vb | ? | UK | 41-44 | FAH | Maj F A Hill | 31st FG USAAF | IX | EN329 | Med ME | 43 |
| AGP | Wg Cdr A G Page | OC 125 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 44 | FB | Gp Capt F Boyd | SC Baigachi | VIII | MD371 | FE | 44 |
| AL | Wg Cdr A C Deere (= Al) | SF Biggin Hill | IX | EN568 | UK | ? | FB | ? | 131 Sqn | II | ? | UK | 41 |
| AVH | not known | 41 Sqn | F.21 | LA299 | UK | 46-47 | FC | possibly station initials | 11 APC Fairwood Common | IX | RK901 | UK | 45 |
| AVRJ | Wg Cdr A V R Johnstone | WL Krendi Wing | V | ? | Med ME | 43 | FD | Wg Cdr F Dolezal | OC Exeter Wg | Vb | EP461 | UK | 43 |
| AVRJ | Gp Capt A V R Johnstone | SC Fairwood Common | Vb | BL450 | UK | 43-44 | FD | Wg Cdr F Dolezal | OC Exeter Wg/134 Wg | Vb | EE625 | UK | 43 |
| BA | not known | ? | Vc | LZ949 | Italy | 45 | FGB | Maj F D G Bird RM | OC 759 NAS | I | P9397 | UK | 43-44 |
| BD | Wg Cdr B Drake | WL Krendi | V | JK228 | Med ME | 43 | FGB | Maj F D G Bird RM | OC RNAS Lee-on-Solent III | | NF500 | UK | 44-45 |
| BF | Wg Cdr B E Finucane | WC Flying Hornchurch | Vb | BM308 | UK | 42 | FMD | Lt Col F M Dean | 31st FG USAAF | V | ? | Med ME | 43 |
| BF | not known | not known | IX | EN632 | Med ME | 45 | FMD | Col F M Dean USAAF | 31st FG | V | ? | UK | 46 |
| BH | Wg Cdr B Heath | 324 Wing | IX | MJ628 | Eur | 44 | FN | Sqn Ldr C N Foxley-Norris | FCCS | IX | MH374 | UK | 45 |
| BK | Wg Cdr C B F Kingcome | OC 244 Wing | V | ? | UK | 44 | FOG | ? | 19 Sqn ? | LF16 | TE396 | UK | 47 |
| BK | Wg Cdr C B F Kingcome | OC 324 Wing | IX | TB539 | Eur | 46 | GC | ? | 601 Sqn ? | Vb | AB328 | Egypt | 42 |
| BWR | not known | Fighter Leader Sch | Vb | ? | UK | 43 | GCK | Wg Cdr G C Keefer | Wg Cdr Flying 126 Wing | IX | MK826 | Med, Eur | 44 |
| CAG | Maj C A Golding | 3 Sqn SAAF | IX | ? | Med ME | 44-45 | GCK | Wg Cdr G C Keefer | Wg Cdr Flying 125 Wing | XIV | RM809 | Europe | 45 |
| CEM | Wg Cdr C E Malfroy? | HQ 10 Group | I | ? | UK | ? | GCK | Wg Cdr G C Keefer | Wg Cdr Flying 127 Wing | XIV | MV263 | Europe | 45 |
| CEO | not known | 2 TAF CS | Vc | EE745 | Eur | 45 | | | | | | | |
| CFB | Wg Cdr C F Bradley | WC Flying 132 Wing | XVI | PT959 | Eur | 45 | | | | | | | |
| CFC | Wg Cdr C F Currant | CO 122 AFHQ | Vb | R7262 ? | UK | 43-44 | | | | | | | |
| CFG | Wg Cdr C F Gray | WL Malta | ? | ? | Malta | 43-45 | | | | | | | |
| CG | Wg Cdr C F Gray | WC Flying 322 Wing | V | EN350 | UK | 43 | | | | | | | |
| CG | Wg Cdr C F Gray | WC Flying Lympe | XIV | RM787 | UK | 44 | | | | | | | |
| CGP | Lt Col C G Peterson | XO 4th FG, USAAF | V | BL449 ? | UK | 43 | | | | | | | |
| CI | ? | ? | IX | MJ847 ? | Med ME | ? | | | | | | | |
| CM | Cdt C Martell | CO 80 OTU | IX | MH368 | UK | 45 | | | | | | | |
| CMM | Col C M McCorkle | CO 31st FS USAAF | VIII | ? | Med ME | c44 | | | | | | | |
| CR | not known | ? | XVII | ? | FE | 46 | | | | | | | |
| CRC | Wg Cdr C R Caldwell | 1 Wing RAAF | V | BR295 | FE | 44 | | | | | | | |
| CRC | Wg Cdr C R Caldwell | 1 Wing RAAF | IX | JL394 | FE | 44 | | | | | | | |
| CWL | Sqn Ldr C W Lockhart | OC 101 R&SU | VIII | ? | FE | 45 | | | | | | | |
| DB | Wg Cdr D Bader | WL Tangmere | Ila | P7966 | UK | 41 | | | | | | | |
| DB | Wg Cdr D Bader | WL Tangmere | Va | W3185 | UK | 41 | | | | | | | |
| DB | Gp Capt D Bader | CFE | IX | RK917 | UK | 45-46 | | | | | | | |
| DGA | Wg Cdr D G Adams | WL Matlaske | ? | ? | UK | 45 | | | | | | | |



LF IX EN568 of Wg Cdr Al Deere, Wg Cdr Flying, Biggin Hill, 1943.

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|-----|----------------------|------------------------|------|-------|----------|-------|
| DGM | Gp Capt D G Morris | OC 132 Wing | IX | PL463 | UK | 44-45 |
| DGS | Wg Cdr D G Smallwood | OC 286 Sqn | ? | ? | UK | 42 |
| DGS | Wg Cdr D G Smallwood | OC Predannack Wing | IX | MH333 | UK | 44 |
| DHL | Col D H Loftus | WL 7 SAAF Wing | VIII | 5501 | S Africa | 46 |
| DMA | ? | Culmhead | ? | ? | UK | 44 |
| DNF | Sqn Ldr D N Ford | 72 Sqn | IX | ? | Med ME | 44 |
| DO | Wg Cdr W A Douglas | WCF 134 (Czech) Wg | IX | LZ920 | Eur | 44 |
| DS | Wg Cdr W G D Smith | WL Krendi Wing | V | AR560 | Med ME | 44 |
| DS | Wg Cdr W G D Smith | WL Safi Wing | IX | JK650 | Med ME | 44 |
| DT | Maj S F du Toit | 7 Wing SAAF | VIII | ? | Med ME | 43-44 |
| DT | Lt Col S F du Toit | 8 Wing SAAF | ? | ? | Med ME | 45 |
| DUT | Maj S F du Toit | OC 2 Sqn SAAF | V | MA853 | Med ME | 44 |
| DUT | Col S F du Toit | OC 8 Wing SAAF | IX | MA853 | Med ME | 44-45 |
| DW | Wg Cdr R M B | ? | IX | ? | ? | 45 |
| | Duke-Woolley | | | | | |
| EHT | Wg Cdr E H Thomas | W/C Flying Biggin Hill | IX | BR369 | UK | 42 |
| EJC | Wg Cdr E J Cassidy | OC 324 Wing | ? | ? | Italy | ? |
| EJC | Wg Cdr E F Charles | ? | IX | PT396 | UK | ? |
| ENW | Wg Cdr E N Woods | OC 249 Sqn | ? | xx311 | Med ME | 43 |



Spitfire Vb BL450 was the aircraft of Gp Capt 'Sandy' Johnstone when Sector Commander at Fairwood Common. AIR CDR A V R JOHNSTONE

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|-------|--------------------------|---|----------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| GDE | ? | ? | Vc | ? | ? | ? |
| GG | Cne G Gauthier | 326 Sqn/ GC 1/7 | IX | '8J-GG' | Med ME | 45 |
| GKG | Gp Capt G K Gilroy | OC 324 Wing | V | JK143 | Med ME | 43 |
| GKG | Gp Capt G K Gilroy | SC Wittering or Blakelow? | IX | ? | UK | c44-45 |
| GR | ? | 81 Sqn | IX | EN455 | Med ME | 43 |
| HB | AVM H Broadhurst | - | VIII | JF330 | Italy | 43 |
| HBW | Wg Cdr H A C Bird-Wilson | WL Bentwaters | IX | MJ845; MK782 | UK | 44 |
| HCG | Wg Cdr H C Godefroy | Wg Cdr Flying 127 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 43 |
| HCG | Wg Cdr H C Godefroy | 83 Group | IX | PL201 ? | UK | 44 |
| HD | Wg Cdr H S L Dundas | W/L 324 Wing | V | JL122 | UK | 44 |
| HD | Wg Cdr H S L Dundas | Wg Cdr Flying 244 Wing | VIII, IX | ? | UK | 44-45 |
| HFO'N | Wg Cdr H F O'Neill ? | Wg Cdr Flying Horsham Spitfire St Faith | XVI | TE457 | UK | 46 |
| HGG | Gp Capt H G Goddard | OC 170 Wing | VIII | JG253 | FE | 45 |
| HL | Wg Cdr J Hlado | OC Czech Wg? | IX | SL628 | Czech | 45-46 |
| HM | Maj H Moore ? | OC 331 Sqn | IX | ? | UK | 43 |
| HM | Gp Capt H Mehre | 132 Wing | IX | ? | Norway | 45 |
| HMS | Wg Cdr M Smith? | Wg Cdr Flying APS Lubeck | XIV | TZ198 | Germany | 47 |
| HPB | Wg Cdr H P Blatchford | Wg Cdr Flying Digby | Vb | EP126 | UK | ? |
| HWA | ? | ? | II | PT287 | UK | ? |
| IRG | Wg Cdr I R Glead | ? | Vb | AA742; AB934; AB380 | UK | 41-42 |
| IRG | Wg Cdr I R Glead | ? | Vc | ? | UK | 42 |
| IRG | Wg Cdr I R Glead | OC 244 Wing | Vb | ER170; AB502 | Med ME | 43 |
| JAK | Wg Cdr J A Kent | OC Polish Wg, Northolt | Vb | AB790 | UK | c41 |
| JAS | Sqn Ldr J A Storrar | OC 65 Sqn | IX | MH358 | UK | 43 |
| JCF | ? | 249 Sqn | Vc | ? | Italy | 44 |
| JE | Wg Cdr J Ellis | W/L Krendi | V | JK533 | Med ME | 43 |
| JEFF | Wg Cdr J F Edwards | WCF 127 Wing | XIV | MV263; PV229 | Eur | 45 |
| JEJ | Wg Cdr J E Johnson | WCF Kenley Wing | IX | EN398 | UK | 43 |
| JEJ | Wg Cdr J E Johnson | 125 Wing | XIV | MV268 | UK | 45 |

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| Code | Name | Role / Unit | Spitfire | Serial | Theatre | Year(s) |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|---------|---------|
| JWB | AVM J W Baker | AOC 12 Group | F.21 | LA232 | UK | 45-46 |
| KB | Lt Col K Birksted | WCF 132 Wing | IX | MH830, MJ462 | UK | 43-44 |
| KBBC | Wg Cdr K B B Cross | 242 Wing | IX | EN270 | Med ME | ? |
| KC | ? | ? | Vb | ? | Med ME | ? |
| KE | ? | MCCS | XVI | TE388 | UK | 48-49 |
| KK | ? | ? | Vb | ? | Med ME | ? |
| KM | Wg Cdr K Mrazek | Wg Cdr Exeter Wing | Vb | AR502, EN765 | UK | 42-43 |
| KSY | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 45 |
| KW | ? | Central Fighter Est | IX | ? | UK | 45 |
| LB | AVM L O Brown | AOC 84 Group | IX | MK910 | UK | 44 |
| LJ | Cdt L Jaquenot | 345 Sqn | XVI | ? | Eur | 45 |
| LOB | AVM L O Brown | AOC 84 Gp | IX | MK910 | UK | 44 |
| LOL | ? | 337 Wing | IX | MA507 | Med ME | 45 |
| LVC | Wg Cdr L V Chadburn | WCF Digby | Vb | EP548 | UK | 43 |
| LVC | Wg Cdr L V Chadburn | WCF 127 Wing | IX | MJ824 | UK | 44 |

Personal codes were rarely seen on USAAF aircraft, but one exception was the Spitfire Vc of Lt Col Fred Dean of the 31st FG in the Mediterranean.

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When Wg Cdr H M Smith was Wing Commander Flying at Lübeck in 1947 he used Spitfire XIV TZ198 as his personal aircraft. LUBECK STN RECORDS

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|-----|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| JEJ | GC J E Johnson | 34 Wing | XI | PM147 | UK | 45 |
| JEP | Maj J E Pearson | 8 Wing SAAF | IX | ? | Med ME | 45 |
| JGH | ? | 17 SFTS | Vb | BL415 | UK | 45 |
| JH | Lt Col J Human | OC 7 Wing SAAF | IX | MHxxx | Med ME | 45-46 |
| JK | Wg Cdr J Kowalski | WL 131 Wing | IX | MK370 | Eur | 44 |
| JMC | Wg Cdr J M Checketts | WL 142 Wg | Vb | AB509 | UK | 44 |
| JMC | Wg Cdr J M Checketts | WL 142 Wg | IX | ? | UK | 44 |
| JMR | AM Sir James Robb | AOC Fighter Command | IX | MJ843 | UK | 45 |
| JMR | ACM Sir James Robb | CinC AFWE | XVI | SL721 | UK | 46-48 |
| JMR | ACM Sir James Robb | CinC AFWE | PR.19 | PM659 | UK | 48 |
| JMT | Wg Cdr J M Thompson | OC Luqa Wing | V | AR560 | Med ME | 43 |
| JOC | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 42 |
| JP | Wg Cdr J R A Peel | Kenley | ? | ? | UK | 40 |
| JP | Wg Cdr J R A Peel | SC Debden | ? | ? | UK | 42 |
| JR | Wg Cdr J Ryg | ? | IX | PT536 | Norway | 45 |
| JW | Gp Capt P R | OC 135 Wg | IX | ? | Eur | 44 |

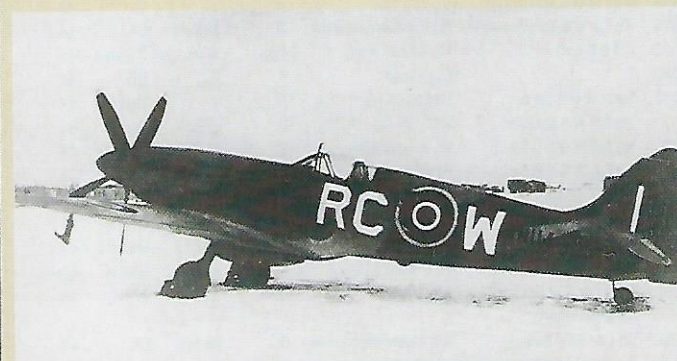
'Johnny' Walker



In 1943 the Wing Leader at Hal Far, Malta, was Wg Cdr Proser Hanks who flew Spitfire Vc BR498. SQN LDR P H P ROBERTS

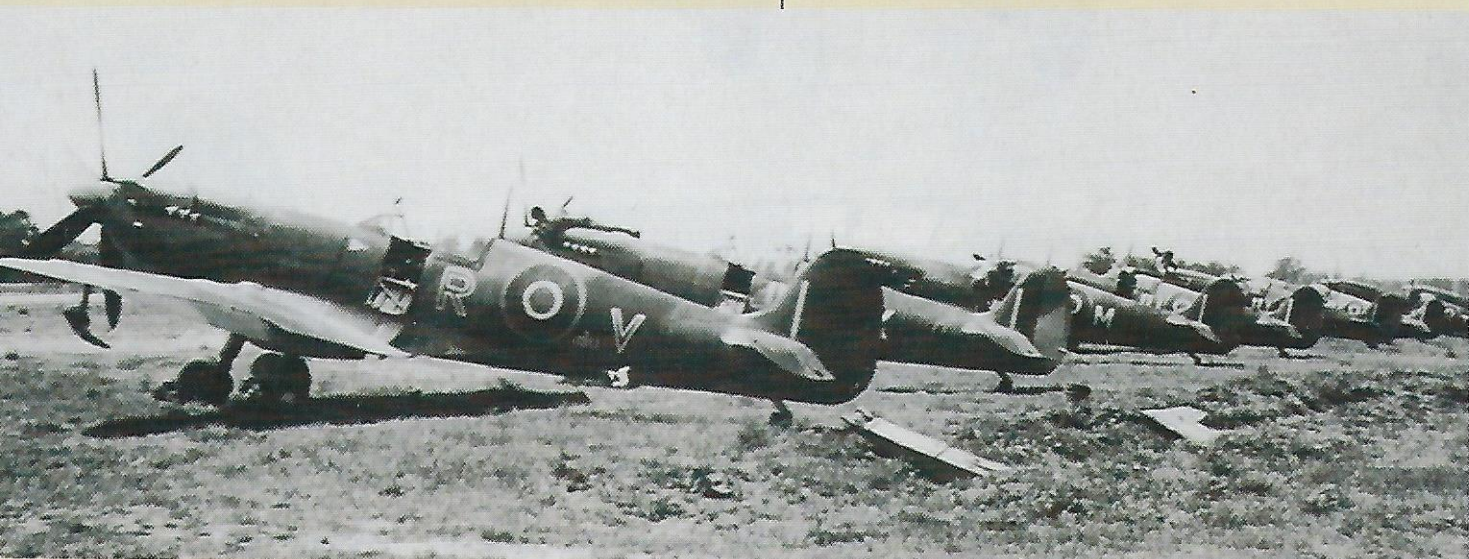


Canadian Wg Cdr J F 'Eddie' Edwards flew Mk.XIV MV263 when OC 127 Wing at Utersen in November 1945. VIA C G JEFFORD



The leader of 39 (PR) Wing within the 2nd TAF was Wg Cdr R C Wadell, who used FR.XIV, RN114, which was 'parented' by 430 Squadron, RCAF. P R ARNOLD COLLECTION

| Code | Name | Role / Unit | Spitfire | Serial | Theatre | Year(s) | Code | Name | Role / Unit | Spitfire | Serial | Theatre | Year(s) |
|------|------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---|---------|---------|
| LW | Lt Col L A Wilmot | WL 322 Wing | IX | MA408 | Med ME | 43 | RduV | Wg Cdr D le R du Vivier | WCF 324 Wing | IX | MJ628 | UK | 44 |
| MB | Wg Cdr M V Blake | WL Portreath | Vb | W3561 | UK | 42 | RduV | Wg Cdr R du Vivier | OC 239 Wing | IX | MJ625 | Italy | 44 |
| MID | Cdt M I Dorance | 345 Sqn | IX | ? | Eur | ? | RDY | Wg Cdr R D Yule | WCF 125 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 44 |
| MJL | ? | ? | Vc | JL122 | Med ME | 43-44 | RFB | Wg Cdr R F Boyd | WC Kenley Wing | V | ? | UK | 46 |
| MLD | Wg Cdr M G L Donnet | WCF Hawkinge | IX | NH476 | UK | 44 | RH | Wg Cdr R Harries | ? | II | P7933 | UK | 44 |
| MLR | Wg Cdr M L Robinson | WL Tangmere | Vb | W3770 | UK | 42 | RH | AM Sir Roderic Hill | AOC ADGB | Vb | AA916 | UK | 44 |
| MMS | Wg Cdr M M Stephens | WC Hal Far | V | ? | Med ME | 43 | RH | AM Sir Roderic Hill | AOC ADGB | IX | MJ843 | UK | 44-45 |
| MRIF | Wg Cdr M R Ingle-Finch | WCF 124 Wing | XIV | ? | UK | 46 | RH | Flt Lt R Hulbert | 3 Armament | IX | ML242 | UK | 45 |
| NLA | Sqn Ldr G Aalpoel | 118 Sqn | I | ?N3044 | UK | 41 | | | Practice Camp | | | | |
| OHV | ? | ? | F.16 | TE339 | UK | 48 | RHC | Wg Cdr R N H Courtney | WCF 906 Wing | VIII | MV432 | FE | 45 |
| PB | Sqn Ldr P M Brothers | OC 61 OTU | I/II | ? | UK | 43 | RHG | Wg Cdr R H M Gibbs | WL 80 Wing RAAF | VIII | A58-307, Aus, A58-497, N Guinea A58-602 | | 44-45 |
| PB | Wg Cdr P M Brothers | WCF Culmhead | VII | MB882 | UK | 44 | | | | | | | |
| PB | Wg Cdr P M Brothers | WCF Predannack | XIV | ? | UK | 44 | | | | | | | |
| PDQ | Flt Lt B O'Shaughnessy | 93 FSP | ? | ? | France | 45 | RHH | Wg Cdr R H Harries | WCF 134 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 44 |
| PG | ? | ? | V | ? | Italy | 45 | RM | Wg Cdr R Marples | WCF 124 Wing | Vb | EP245 | UK | 44 |
| PH | Wg Cdr P H Hugo | WCF Hornchurch | ? | ? | UK | 42 | RM | ? | Fighter Leader Sch | ? | ? | UK | 45 |
| PH | Gp Capt P H Hugo | OC 322 Wing | IX | EN240 | Med ME | 43 | RR | Lt Col R H Rogers | OC 40 Sqn SAAF | IX | PT672 | Med ME | 43 |



The Belgian pilot, Wg Cdr Roy du Vivier presented his initials thus - 'RduV' - on his Spitfire IX MJ625 when OC 239 Wing in Italy. K HOLLOWAY

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|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------|--------|-----------|
| RST | Wg Cdr R S Tuck | WL Biggin Hill | Vb | BL336 | UK | 41-42 |
| RT | ? | 203 AFS | LF.16 | SL551 | UK | 47 |
| RWM | Wg Cdr R W McNair | Wg Cdr 126 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 43-44 |
| RWO | Wg Cdr R W Oxspring | WL 124 Wg | IX | NH714 | Eur | 45 |
| SBG | Wg Cdr S B Grant | WL Krendi | V | ? | Med ME | 43 |
| SD | ? | 145 Wing | Vc | EF541 | UK | 44 |
| SM | Wg Cdr F D S Scott-Malden | WCF North Weald | Vb | AB202 | UK | 42 |
| SS | Wg Cdr S F Skalski | WCF 133 Wing | IX | RK853 | UK | 45 |
| SS | Wg Cdr S Skalski | WCF 131 Airfield | IX | BS556 | Eur | c43-44 |
| SS | Wg Cdr R W F 'Sammy' Sampson | WCF ??? Wg | IX | RK853 | Eur | 44 |
| TBB | Wg Cdr T B Beresford | OC 324 Wg | IX | TB539 | Eur | 45 |
| TBB | Gp Capt T B del La Beresford | OC 324 Wing | VIII | MB973 | Med ME | 45 |
| TJJ | ? | ? | IX | MH530 | Med ME | 45 |
| TN | Sqn Ldr W A 'Tiny' Nel | AHO Hong Kong ? | F 24 | VN496 | FE | c1950 |
| TRB | ? Gp Capt T R Burne | FRU | LF.16 | TE455 | UK | 47-49 |
| TT | AVM T C Traill | AOC 12 Group | F.21 | LA232 | UK | 46-48 |
| TT | AVM T Traill | 12 Group CF | F.21 | LA232 | UK | 48 |
| TUL | ? | RAF Halton | ? | ? | UK | 42 |
| TV | Sqn Ldr T Vybiral | OC 312 Sqn | Vb | AR511 ? | UK | c43 |
| V | Cne Georges Valentin | GC II/7 | Vb | EP813 | Med ME | c late 43 |
| VA | ? | 323 Wing | IX | ? | Med ME | 44 |
| VY | Wg Cdr T Vybiral | WL 134 Wg | IX | ML171 | Eur | 44 |
| VY | Wg Cdr T Vybiral | WL 134 Wing | IX | MK483 | Eur | 44-45 |
| WFD | AVM Sir William F Dickson | AOC Desert AF | VIII | JF814 | Med ME | 44 |
| WRM | Wg Cdr W R McBrien | OC Kenley Wg/126 Wg | Vb | ? | UK | 43 |
| WT | ? | 322 Wing | XI | EN408 | Med ME | ? |
| WTC | Capt W T Couchman | FONAS (Seafire) | III | NF500 | UK | 44 |
| WVC | Wg Cdr W V Crawford-Compton | WCF 345 Wing | IX | NH590 | UK | 44 |
| WVC | Gp Capt W V Crawford-Compton | FCCS | IX | MK128 | UK | 45 |
| ZW | Wg Cdr Walerian Zak | WL 133 Wg | IX | ? | Eur | c44 |



The ultimate Spitfire was the F.24 one of which - VN496 - was flown by Sqn Ldr 'Tiny' Nel when serving in Hong Kong around 1949.

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|------|---------------------------|----------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| PHW | Wg Cdr P H Woodruff | WCF 337 Wing | IX | MA507 | Med ME | 44-45 |
| PJS | Wg Cdr P J Simpson | ? | Vb | BM273 | UK | 42 |
| PJS | Wg Cdr P J Simpson | WCF 145 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 43-44 |
| PJS | Wg Cdr P J Simpson | WCF 135 Wing | IX | ML357 | UK | 44 |
| PLB | Sqn Ldr P L Bateson-Jones | Church Fenton | F.21 | LA253 | UK | 46 |
| PMB | Wg Cdr P M L Bond | WCF Horsham St Faith | ? | ? | UK | 45-46 |
| PMO | ? | 84 Gp | XVI | TD376 | UK | 45 |
| PO | Wg Cdr P Olver | OC 244 Wing | IX | EN448 | Med ME | 43 |
| PO-B | Wg Cdr P G O'Brien | WCF Portreath | V | EE615 | UK | 43 |
| PPH | Wg Cdr P P Hanks | WCF Luqa | Vc | BR498 | Med ME | 42 |
| PST | Wg Cdr P S Turner | WL 127 Wg | IX | ? | Eur | 45 |
| PW | Wg Cdr P R W Wickham | Turnhouse | F.21 | LA284 | UK | 47 |
| PWB | Wg Cdr P G W Barnes | 57 OTU | V | ? | UK | 45 |
| RA | AC R L R Atcherley | OC Cent Fighter Est | IX | MK868 | UK | 45 |
| RAB | Lt Col R A Berg | WCF 132 Wing | IX | MJ462 | UK | 44 |
| RAB | Lt Col R A Berg | WCF 132 Wing | IX | PV181 | Europe | 44-45 |
| RB | Wg Cdr R Berry | WCF 322 Wing | IX | EN199 | Med ME | 44 |
| RB | ? | Fighter Leader Sch | IX | ? | UK | 45 |
| RBL | Wg Cdr R B Lees | 244 Wing | IX | ? | UK | 45 |
| RCW | Wg Cdr R C A Waddell | WCF 39 Wing | XIV | RN114 | UK | 45 |
| RDE | Wg Cdr R D Elliot | WCF 84 GSU | IX | PV159 | Eur | 45 |
| RDF | ? | Debden | IX | ? | UK | 45 |