

P/O Michael G.H. **McPHARLIN** RAF No.89764 (us)/RAF **W3761** VB -

Took off at 13.20 with twelve others for Operation 'Jubilee', the CO leading. Ran out fuel while covering Dieppe raid and abandoned over Channel. McPharlin transferred to the USAAF the following month and was killed on 6 June 1944 (P-51B-15-NA, 42-106909 of 339th FG). American from Illinois, he had two attachments to the squadron, the first between July and October 1941, and the second between March and September 1942. Between these periods he had served with No.403 (RCAF) Sqn.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.37 MU 15.08.41, issued to No.71 Sqn 29.04.42. Previously served with Nos.315 (Polish) Sqn.

27.08.42 Sgt Jack E. **EVANS** CAN./R.98138 (us)/RCAF **AD196** XR-Q VB †

Took off at 11.50 with eleven others for a CIRCUS operation, W/C R.M.B. Duke-Wolley leading. Shot down by enemy fighter over St.Omer (France). American from Ohio, he was posted to the squadron during the previous May.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.38 MU 31.08.41, issued to No.71 Sqn 10.09.41.

31.08.42 P/O William D. **TAYLOR** RAF No.115122 (us)/RAF **BM305** VB †

Took off at 17.10 with P/O Stanley Anderson for a RHUBARB sortie. Hit by ground fire off the Belgian coast while strafing a German flak ship and abandoned 20m off Blankenberg. Observed climbing into his dinghy but was never seen again. American from Massachusetts, who had served with the squadron since May.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.33 MU 17.03.42, issued to No.71 Sqn 03.08.42. Previously served with Nos.457 (RAAF) & 611 Sqn.

Total: 29

APPENDIX VI
AIRCRAFT LOST IN ACCIDENTS

HURRICANE

01.01.41 P/O Vernon C. **KEOUGH** RAF No.81620 (us)/RAF **P3459** I -

Engine failure during a flight and crash-landed near Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincs. Killed on active service with the Squadron the following month (see entry 05.02.41).

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.20 MU 27.04.40, issued to No.71 Sqn 07.11.40. Previously served with Nos.122, 111 & 85 Sqn.

05.01.41 P/O Philip H. **LECKRONE** RAF No.84653 (us)/RAF **V6636** I †

Collided in flight with Edwin Orbison's aircraft during formation practice flight and crashed near Scunthorpe, Lincs. Leckrone was one of the seven Americans who participated to the Battle of Britain. having flown with No.616 Squadron. He hailed from Illinois.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.20 MU 28.08.40, issued to No.71 Sqn 22.12.40.

05.08.41 P/O William R. **DRIVER** RAF No.64869 (us)/RAF **Z3266** IIB †

Dived into ground 1m N of Middle Waltham, Essex, cause unknown. An American from Tennessee, he had joined the squadron just three weeks previously.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.44 MU 28.04.41, issued to No.71 Sqn 30.05.41.

SPITFIRE

09.08.41 P/O Kenneth S. **TAYLOR** RAF No.64869 (us)/RAF **P8572** IIA †

Hit ground recovering from a dive near Ongar, Essex. Born in Canada of Canadian parentage.

Note on the aircraft: TOC No.45 MU 27.06.41, issued to No.71 Sqn not recorded, probably from No.602 Sqn.