

British Air Forces in France
May 1940

Air Officer Commanding in Chief: Air Marshal A.S.Barratt
Senior Air Staff Officer: Air Vice-Marshal D.C.S.Evill

Air Component: Air Vice-Marshal C.H.B.Blount

No. 14 Group: Captain P.F.Fullard

No. 60 (Fighter) Wing : Wing Commander J.A.Boret

No. 85 Squadron - Hurricanes

No. 87 Squadron - Hurricanes

No. 61 (Fighter) Wing: Wing Commander R.Y.Eccles

No. 607 Squadron - Gladiators (later Hurricanes)

No. 615 Squadron - Gladiators (later Hurricanes)

No. 70 (Bomber Reconnaissance) Wing: Wing Commander W.A.Opie

No. 18 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 57 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 52 (Bomber) Wing: Wing Commander A.F.Hutton

No. 53 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 59 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 50 (Army Co-operation) Wing: Group Captain A.R.Churchman

No. 4 Squadron - Lysander

No. 13 Squadron - Lysander

No. 16 Squadron - Lysander

No. 51 (Army Co-operation) Wing: Wing Commander A.H.Flower

No. 2 Squadron - Lysander

No. 26 Squadron - Lysander

No. 81 (Communications) Squadron - Dragon Rapide

Advanced Air Striking Force: Air Vice Marshal P.H.L.Playfair

No. 71 (Bomber) Wing: Air Commander R.M.Field

No. 105 Squadron - Battle

No. 114 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 139 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 150 Squadron - Battle

No. 75 (Bomber) Wing: Group Captain A.H.Wann

No. 88 Squadron - Battle

No. 103 Squadron - Battle

No. 218 Squadron - Battle

No. 76 (Bomber) Wing: Group Captain H.S.Kerby

No. 12 Squadron - Battle

No. 142 Squadron - Battle

No. 226 Squadron - Battle

No. 67 (Fighter) Wing: Wing Commander C.Walter

No. 1 Squadron - Hurricane

No. 73 Squadron - Hurricane

No. 212 (Photographic Reconnaissance) Squadron

Home Command Squadrons principally concerned in Air Fighting in France and Belgium:

Fighter Command: Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding

No. 11 Group: Air Vice-Marshal K.R.Park

No. 3 Squadron¹ - Hurricanes
No. 25 Squadron
No. 32 Squadron
No. 54 Squadron
No. 56 Squadron
No. 64 Squadron
No. 65 Squadron
No. 74 Squadron
No. 79 Squadron - Hurricanes
No. 92 Squadron
No. 111 Squadron
No. 145 Squadron
No. 151 Squadron
No. 253 Squadron
No. 501 Squadron
No. 600 Squadron
No. 601 Squadron
No. 604 Squadron
No. 609 Squadron
No. 610 Squadron

Temporarily under operational command of No. 11 Group:

From No. 12 Group:

No. 17 Squadron
No. 19 Squadron
No. 66 Squadron
No. 213 Squadron
No. 222 Squadron
No. 229 Squadron
No. 264 Squadron
No. 266 Squadron
No. 504 Squadron - Hurricanes
No. 611 Squadron

From No. 13 Group:

No. 41 Squadron
No. 43 Squadron
No. 72 Squadron
No. 242 Squadron
No. 245 Squadron
No. 605 Squadron
No. 616 Squadron

Bomber Command: Air Marshal C.F.A.Portal

No. 2 Group: Air Vice-Marshal J.M.Robb

¹ No. 3 and 79 Squadrons were sent to the Air Component and No. 501 Squadron to the Advanced Air Striking Force as reinforcements on 10 May. No. 504 Squadron reinforced the Air Component on 12 May, Nos. 17 and 242 Squadrons joined the Advance Air Striking Force as reinforcements on 8 June 1940.

No. 15 Squadron
No. 21 Squadron - Blenheim IV
No. 40 Squadron
No. 52 Squadron
No. 82 Squadron - Blenheim IV
No. 107 Squadron - Blenheim IV
No. 110 Squadron - Blenheim IV

No. 3 Group: Air Vice-Marshal J.E.A.Baldwin

No. 9 Squadron
No. 31 Squadron
No. 37 Squadron
No. 38 Squadron
No. 75 Squadron
No. 99 Squadron
No. 115 Squadron
No. 149 Squadron

No. 4 Group: Air Vice-Marshal A.Coningham

No. 10 Squadron
No. 51 Squadron
No. 58 Squadron
No. 71 Squadron
No. 77 Squadron - Whitney
No. 102 Squadron - Whitney

No. 5 Group: Air Vice-Marshals A.T.Harris

No. 44 Squadron
No. 49 Squadron
No. 50 Squadron
No. 61 Squadron
No. 83 Squadron
No. 144 Squadron

Coastal Command: Air Vice-Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill

No. 16 Group: Air Vice-Marshal J.H.S.Tyssen

No. 22 Squadron
No. 48 Squadron
No. 206 Squadron
No. 220 Squadron
No. 235 Squadron
No. 236 Squadron
No. 500 Squadron

From No. 17 Group

No. 248 Squadron

From No. 18 Group

No. 254 Squadron

Temporarily assigned to No. 16 Group from Fleet Air Arm

No. 801 Squadron
No. 812 Squadron
No. 815 Squadron
No. 816 Squadron
No. 818 Squadron
No. 819 Squadron
No. 825 Squadron
No. 826 Squadron

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