

81621 Andrew “Andy” B. Mamedoff

Mamedoff was a Pilot Officer from the USA and with 609 Squadron. He was Jewish, son of Natalie and husband of Alys nee Craven of London. He was born on 24.8.12, and brought up in Thompson, Connecticut. He performed in air shows and at outbreak of war he tried to fight with the Finnish Air Force and later the French Air Force but failed and had to stowaway to the UK where he was given an Emergency Commission in the RAF and sent to a Spitfire squadron on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1940 with two other Americans he had met in France. They became the first three members of 71 Eagle Squadron, USA Volunteers, fighting throughout the Battle. On a flight to a posting to Northern Ireland on 8.10.41, he failed to arrive and his body was later recovered for burial at Brookwood cemetery, grave 21.A.7.