

CROOK, David Moore, from Huddersfield, was in 609 Auxiliary Squadron as a part-time airman before the war, and was in the midst of training when called up in 1939. He completed his training at FTS and then returned to the squadron. On 10th May 1940 he heard the news of the start of the 'Blitzkrieg' while in bed, and leapt out violently, injuring his knee, and spending several weeks in hospital in consequence. He rejoined the squadron late in June. On 9th July he destroyed a Ju87 and damaged a second, and on the 13th damaged a Do17. He probably destroyed a Bf110 on 11th August, and on the 12th probably shot down another, and shot down two Bf109's. Next day he destroyed another Bf109, and on the 14th shared a He111. On 27th September he shared a Bf110, and on the 30th got two Bf109's and a probable. He was awarded a DFC in October, and in November was posted as an instructor. He later returned to operations as a Squadron Leader, bringing his score to 12½ before being killed.