

GILLAM, Denys Edgar, was a flight commander in 616 Squadron in early 1940. On 15th August he shared a Ju88, and on the 26th shot down a Bf109. He claimed a Bf110 on the 29th and on the 30th got another Bf109, probably a second, and damaged two more. Another Bf 09 fell to his guns on the 31st, and on 1st September two Do17s with a third damaged, and a Bf109 probably destroyed. He got a Bf 110 next day, and was then awarded the DFC. He was then posted to command 312, the second Czech squadron. On 8 October he got the squadron's first victory, a Ju88, with two other pilots. In December he was posted to 306 Squadron, a Polish unit, and in July 1941 took command of 615 Squadron. On 9 October 1941 he destroyed two He59's on the water, and on the 14th shared in shooting one of these down. He later led a Typhoon wing, and was one of the RAF's chief ground-attack exponents. In 1944 he was promoted to Gp. Capt., and commanded 146 Wing in 2 TAF. By the end of the war he had destroyed at least 9½ enemy aircraft and been awarded a Bar to his DFC and a DSO and two Bars. After the war he rejoined the Royal Auxiliary Air Force with the rank of Fl. Lt.