

Pilot Officer **Henry Amor**. Amor had joined the squadron on 29th September, but was destined to become 609's first pilot killed in action on Typhoons on the 15th December.

P/O Amor in 'B' was either shot down by one of the FW's or by one of the Whirligigs and was lost – his kite fired and reports after that were rather confused – anyway, as yet he has not turned up." Amor was flying as Haddon's No. 2 in Hawker Typhoon MKIA R7689 PR-B when they got involved in a dogfight with at least 3 Focke Wulf Fw190's. Amor immediately attacked while 'Babe' hung back. Shortly after, Amor called "I've hit him" into his radio. He was seen to rear up and attack one of the Fw190's with his own aircraft on fire. "Babe" called to him to bale out, which he did a mile off Ramsgate, but it was too late. 'Babe' then managed to shoot down one Fw190, but was promptly attacked by 4 more. Amor had been shot down by Unteroffizier Josef Zirngibl of 1./JagdGeschwader 26, and his body was washed ashore a few days later; he now lies buried at Margate. The squadron Form 540 Operational Records Book records: "The performance of P/O Amor in continuing to fight while himself on fire at 900ft is one of the finest actions in 609's history, and it is deeply regretted that concrete evidence was not forthcoming to credit him with more than damaging the 190 which probably shared the same grave. A very young pilot, Amor was universally popular, not least on account of his charming naiveté"