

Squadron Leader Robinson, who was to be awarded both the Distinguished Service Order and Distinguished Flying Cross was later killed in action as the Tangmere Wing Leader on 10th April 1942 whilst leading No. 340 (Free French) Squadron on its first operation.

ROBINSON, Michael Lister, from Chelsea, London, joined the RAF in 1935, and in 1937 flew Hurricanes with 111 Squadron. In 1939 he was in 87 Squadron, and in September was posted with the squadron to France. He crashed while landing in a Miles Master in 1940 and broke his thumb, missing the Battle of France. Late in August he joined 601 Squadron as a flight commander, and on the 31st destroyed a Bf109 and probably a second. On 4th September he shared in probably destroying a Bf110, and on the 6th shot down two Bf109's, and then forced another to crash-land, circling round and throwing the pilot a packet of cigarettes. He was posted to 238 Squadron a few days later, and on the both claimed two Bf110's and probably a Bf109. He was awarded the DFC and posted to command 609 Squadron, and on 7th October on his first sortie in a Spitfire, destroyed two more Bf110's. He did not score again until the following year when his squadron took a leading part in the early cross-Channel sweeps. On 7th May he damaged a Bf109 and next day shot two down. During June he damaged one and shared in damaging another, and on 3rd July destroyed two more. He damaged one next day and another four days later, and then destroyed Bf109's on the 10th, 11th, 12th and the 14th. On the 19th he damaged one, and on the 24th probably destroyed one and damaged a second. Five days later, with a score of 16, he left the squadron to become wing leader at Tangmere, and shortly after, received the DSO, for which he had been recommended in mid-July. He later replaced Wing Commander Adolph Gysbert Malan as wing leader at Biggin Hill, and by April 1942 had added at least three and a half more victories to his score, giving him a total of 19½. On 10th April he was killed in action.

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