

NASH, Peter Alfred, was a journalist before the war, and was on the staff of The Times at the age of 18. He joined the RAF and was posted to 609 Squadron as a Sergeant. On 7th August he damaged a Bf109 and on the 16th damaged another. He destroyed a Bf109 on 13th October and on 7th November shot down a Bf109 and probably a Fw190. He was commissioned the following month, and in March 1942 flew a Spitfire off H.M.S. Eagle to join 249 Squadron. On 10th March he probably destroyed a Bf109, and claimed a confirmed victory on the 13th, the first Spitfire victory on the island. On 25th March he destroyed a Ju87 and got another of these and a Ju88 on 1st April. On the 10th he probably destroyed a Ju87 and damaged a Bf109, and on 3rd May claimed a Bf109. Six days later he shot down two Bf109's and damaged a third, and also probably destroyed a Ju87. Next day he destroyed a Ju87 and probably a second, and on the 11th got another Bf 109. On the 16th he shared a Bf109 and on the 17th he and his wingman were seen attacking five Bf109's and shooting down one each. Neither of them returned from this operation, and were posted as missing in action. He was awarded a DFC, his score being 12½, with 5 probably destroyed and 4 damaged.