

Sergeant Thomas Leslie Leslie had joined the Squadron on October 31st 1942 from No. 56 Squadron, where he had been for a week. Prior to this he had been with an army co-operation squadron. On the 2nd November, Leslie was on his way from Biggin Hill in the squadrons Tiger Moth with the light beginning to fade, when his engine cut over the middle of the aerodrome having run out of fuel. Fortunately he was able to make a dead stick landing. On 7th April, he had his first confirmed aerial victory in Typhoon PR-U, when he destroyed a Dornier Do217 off Cap Gris Nez, having previously only been credited with 2 enemy aircraft as damaged, both Focke Wulf Fw190's, on 3rd and 12th March. On Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Tom Leslie, by now a Pilot Officer, and the Canadian Arty Ross went on a ranger over France and caught some Fieseler Fi156 training aircraft landing. Both of them fired and Ross saw Leslie's victim crash and explode, while his own target dived violently away and Ross came under fire and headed home. Tom Leslie, flying Typhoon JP678 PR-O did not come back, and is listed as having been shot down by Flak near Juvaincourt.