

Lofts Keith Temple (RAF N°90483)

Distinguished Flying Cross with Bar, War Medal 1939-45,
1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, ...



Keith Lofts was born in Canterbury on 8 February 1918. In 1938 he joined 615 Sqn AuxAF. Mobilised with his unit, he was sent to France in August 1939. The unit returned to England on 21 May 1940. 10 September saw him posted to 249 Sqn. He was awarded a DFC for his eight victories. Rested in February 1941, a posting to 52 OTU until end of July, joining 1PRU. November 1941 saw him forming 340 (Free French) Sqn, until January 1942, handing over the command to a French C.O. He then led 134 Sqn until April 1942. In May 1942 he commanded 66 Sqn for a full 12 months. He became W/C Flying at Hornchurch. A Bar to his DFC was awarded in June 1945, leaving service in 1946. He rejoined the RAuxAF in 1948. On 20 May 1951 he was killed in a flying accident (Vampire) at Cranbrook.

His claims are :

??/05/1940	1 e/a Damaged	France (615 Sqn)
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22/06/1940	1 Ju-52/3m Damaged	Gournay (615 Sqn)
14/08/1940	1 Ju-87	Channel (615 Sqn)
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15/08/1940	1/2 Bf-109E	SE Folkstone (615 Sqn)
16/08/1940	1 He-111	Steyning (615 Sqn)
18/08/1940	1 Do-17 Damaged	Kenley (615 Sqn)
20/08/1940	1 Bf-109E	Herne Bay (615 Sqn)
29/08/1940	1 Bf-109E Probable	Thameshaven (615 Sqn)
15/09/1940	1/2 He-111	Londen (249 Sqn)
27/09/1940	1 Bf-110	S Londen (249 Sqn)
16/10/1940	1/2 Do-17 Damaged	Tenterden (249 Sqn)
08/10/1943	1 Me-110 Damaged	W Brest (66 Sqn)
13/10/1943	1/6 Ju-88	(66 Sqn)
19/05/1944	1 Me-109 Damaged	(66 Sqn)

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