



Eric M. Brown, Captain, British Royal Navy

Date of Designation: 4 December 1939

Dates of Active Duty: 4 December 1939 - 12 March 1970

Total Flight Hours: 18,000 (includes civil flying)

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 2,407 Rotary: 212

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 7,000 Prop: 7,000 Helo: 4,000 VF/VA: 5,000
Other: Experimental Test Flying - 8,000

Combat Tours:

WW II: (1940-42) Norway, North Atlantic, Mediterranean.

Aviation Commands:

Chief Naval Test Pilot (UK), 1944-1950.
CO, 804(F) Squadron, Lossiemouth, Scotland, 1953-1954.
Head of British Naval Air Mission to Germany, 1958-1960.
CO, Royal Naval Air Station Lossiemouth, 1967-1970.

Combat Awards:

Member, Officer, Commander of the British Empire.
Distinguished Service Cross.
Air Force Cross.
King's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

Duty Assignment Chronology

1/40-4/40 Flying Refresher Course (RNAS Sydenham).
5/40-8/40 Advanced Operational Flying Course (RAF Netheravon).
9/40-11/40 759(FT) Squadron (RNAS Yeovilton).
11/40-11/40 801(F) Squadron (RNAS Hatston).
12/40-12/41 802(F) Squadron (RNAS Donibristle, HMS *Audacity*).
2/42-4/42 802(F) Squadron (RNAS Yeovilton).
5/42-7/42 768 (DLT) Squadron (RNAS Arbroath, HMS *Argus*).



8/42-9/42 897(F) Squadron (RNAS Stretton).
9/42-12/43 778(STU) Squadron (RNAS Arbroath, RNAS Crail).
12/43-1/44 Naval Test Squadron (A&AEE Boscombe Down).
1/44-8/49 Chief Naval Test Pilot, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.
8/49-11/49 School of Naval Air Warfare (RNAS St. Merryn).
11/49-7/51 802(F) Squadron (RNAS Culdrose, HMS *Vengeance*, HMS *Indomitable*).
9/51-11/52 Flight Test, US Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD.
2/53-8/53 Ship's Officer, HMS *Rocket* (Londonderry).
8/53-8/53 Helicopter Refresher Course (RNAS Gosport).
8/53-10/53 SAR Helicopter Flight, HMS *Illustrious*.
10/53-11/53 Jet Flying Refresher Course (RNAS Brawdy).
11/53-7/54 CO, 804(F) Squadron (RNAS Lossiemouth).
7/54-11/56 Commander (Air), RNAS Brawdy.
11/56-5/57 Joint Services Staff College (Latimer).
5/57-6/57 Instrument Flying Course (RNAS Ford).
7/57-12/57 RAF Flying College Advanced Air Warfare Course (RAF Manby).
1/58-9/60 British Naval Air Mission to Germany (Kiel and Schleswig).
1/61-2/62 Deputy Director (Air), Gunnery Division, Ministry of Defence.
2/62-9/64 Deputy Director, Naval Air Warfare Division, Ministry of Defence.
9/64-10/64 Royal Naval Tactical School (Woolwich).
11/64-5/67 Naval Attache, Bonn, Germany.
8/67-9/67 Instrument Flying Course (RNAS Brawdy).
9/67-3/70 CO, RNAS Lossiemouth.
3/70 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First carrier deck landing of a high-performance twin-engine aircraft (Mosquito), 25 March 1944.

Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) First naval pilot to fly a jet aircraft.
- (3) First helicopter research pilot in the UK.
- (4) First deck landing of a tricycle aircraft (Airacobra) on a British carrier, 3 April 1944.
- (5) World's first carrier deck landing of a pure jet aircraft (Vampire), 3 December 1945.
- (6) First carrier deck landing of a British twin Jet Aircraft (Meteor), 8 June 1948.
- (7) First landing of an undercarriage-less aircraft on a flexible rubber deck of an aircraft carrier, 3 November 1948.
- (8) Leader of Fleet Air Arm's piston aircraft Aerobatic Team, 1950.
- (9) Leader of Fleet Air Arm's jet aircraft Aerobatic Team 1954.
- (10) World record number of Carrier Trap Deck Landings - 2,407.
- (11) World Record number of Catapult Launches (at sea and on land) - 2,721.
- (12) World Record number of aircraft basic types (not marks or models) flown as command pilot - 487.