

British citations for RR Stanford Tuck

Battle of France

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)

Awarded 28 June 1940 at Hornchurch by King George VI

Published in the London Gazette

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Roland Stanford TUCK (47306)

During May, 1940, this officer led his flight in company with his squadron on two offensive patrols over Northern France. As a result of one of these patrols in which the squadron engaged a formation of some 60 enemy aircraft, the Squadron Commander was later reported missing, and the flight commander wounded and in hospital. Flight Lieutenant Tuck assumed command, and on the following day led the squadron, consisting of only eight aircraft, on a further patrol engaging an enemy formation of fifty aircraft. During these engagements the squadron has shot down ten enemy aircraft and possibly another twenty-four. Throughout the combats this officer has displayed great dash and gallantry.

Battle of Britain

First Bar to his DFC

Awarded 25 October 1940

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Flight Lieutenant Robert Roland Stanford TUCK D.F.C (37306)

Since the 11th June, 1940, this officer has destroyed six enemy aircraft, and probably destroyed or damaged six more. One day in August, 1940, he attacked three Junkers 88s, destroyed two and damaged the third. Later in the month he intercepted two – Junkers 99s at 15,000 feet, and in a dead on attack destroyed one. In a similar attack on the second, a cannon shell blew away his oil and glycol tank and a piece of his propeller, but he reached the coast and landed by parachute. In September, 1940, he shot down one Messerschmitt 110 and probably a Messerschmitt 109 and one week later destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 over the sea. Flight Lieutenant Tuck has displayed gallant and determined leadership.

Distinguished Service Order (DSO)

Awarded January 1941

Published in the London Gazette

Acting Squadron Leader Roland Robert Stanford TUCK, DFC (37306) No 257 Squadron

This officer has commanded his squadron with great success, and his outstanding leadership, courage and skill have been reflected in its high morale and efficiency. Since 4th October 1940, he has destroyed four hostile aircraft, bringing his total victories to at least eighteen.

Second Bar to his DFC

Awarded March 1941

Published in the London Gazette

Acting Squadron Leader Roland Robert Stanford TUCK, DSO, DFC (37306) No 257 Squadron

This officer has displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative in searching for and attacking enemy raiders, often in adverse weather conditions. Since December 1940, he has destroyed three enemy bombers and one fighter, thus bringing his total victories to twenty-two.