

WING COMMANDER FRED WACE SNELL DFC AND BAR (31-33)

He was born on 19 June 1917 in Bruisyard, Saxmundham. Shortly after leaving the College he joined the RAF in April 1936.

During WW2 he served in 88 Squadron and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on 16 July 1940 "During May 1940, this officer has taken part in five night and four day operational flights in Battle aircraft. Despite strong enemy opposition, Flying Officer Snell has carried out his attacks successfully on each occasion and returned safely to his base. This officer has displayed great courage and skill."

He was awarded a Bar to his Distinguished Flying Cross on 23 October 1945 "Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Wing Commander Snell has completed many sorties including close support operations and low level attacks on bridges and oil installations. He has obtained many excellent and valuable photographs and his work has at all times been characterized by sound organization, enterprise and determination. The personal contribution made by this officer in the advance from Imphal to the capture of Rangoon is a very outstanding and notable one."