

# List of aviators by nickname

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This is a **list of aviators by nickname**.



## A

- "Admiral" – **Arthur Blake**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Aggy" – **Noel Agazarian**, British, Battle of Britain ace
- "Assi" – **Hans Hahn**, German fighter pilot during World War II

## B

- "Bake" — **V. H. Baker**, British pilot and aircraft designer<sup>[1]</sup>
- "The Balloon Buster" — **Frank Luke**, American World War I fighter ace
- "Bam" – **C. S. Bamberger**, British RAF World War II pilot
- "Barron" – **John Worrall**, British World War II RAF pilot
- "Beazle" – **Hugh John Beazley**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Bee" – **Roland Beaumont**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Ben" – **George Bennions**, Battle of Britain ace
- "Bert" – **Albert Houle**, Canadian fighter ace
- "Beryl" – **John Greer Boyle**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Big Joe" – **Joe McCarthy**, RAF Bomber Command pilot (617 Squadron) in the Second World War
- "Bing" – **K. B. B. Cross**, British World War II RAF pilot
- "Bird" – **Herbert Carmichael Irwin**, Irish commander of British airships including **R101**<sup>[2]</sup>
- "The Bish" – **John Bislee**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Black Swallow of Death" – **Eugene Bullard**, African-American World War I fighter pilot
- "Blackie" – **David Williams**, Canadian fighter ace
- "The Black Devil" – **Erich Hartmann**, German fighter ace<sup>[3]</sup>
- "The Blond Knight Of Germany" – **Erich Hartmann**, German fighter ace<sup>[3]</sup>
- "Blondie" – **Arnold Walker**, British World War II RAF pilot
- "Bo" – **Elwyn King**, Australian World War I fighter ace
- "Bobbi" – **Evelyn Trout**, American aviator
- "Bomber" –**Arthur T. Harris**, British commander of RAF Bomber Command during World War II<sup>[4]</sup>
- "Bomber George" – **Harold L. George**, USAAC precision bombing specialist (to distinguish him from "Fighter" George)
- "Boom" – **Hugh Trenchard**, British World War I Royal Flying Corps general and founder of the Royal Air Force (for his loud voice)<sup>[5]</sup>
- "Boy" – **Geoffrey Wellum**, British World War II fighter pilot <sup>[6]</sup>
- "Brookie" – *Tom Brooke-Smith*, Short Brothers chief test pilot<sup>[7]</sup>
- "Bubi" (German, "young boy", "kid") —
  - Erich Hartmann**, German fighter ace<sup>[3]</sup>
  - Alfred Schreiber**, German jet ace
- "Buck"
  - Robert McNair**, Canadian fighter ace
  - Lionel Casson**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Bud"
  - Harold W. Bowker**, Canadian fighter ace
  - George E. Day**, American POW
- "Buff" – **Clifton Fleming**, American helicopter pilot
- "Bugs" – **John Keating**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Bully" – **Emil Lang**, World War 2 *Luftwaffe* fighter ace
- "Bunny" – **Christopher Currant**, British RAF fighter ace in World War Two
- "Butch" –
  - Henry Baker**, Battle of Britain pilot
  - Robert Barton**, Canadian fighter ace and Battle of Britain pilot
  - Arthur T. Harris**, British commander of RAF Bomber Command during World War II (from "butcher"; affectionately given by his men)
  - Edward O'Hare, American WWII fighter ace and Medal of Honor recipient
- "Butcher" – **Arthur T. Harris**, British commander of RAF Bomber Command (Air Chief Marshal) during World War II (affectionately given by his men)<sup>[8]</sup>
- "Buzz"
  - Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.**, American aviator and astronaut
  - George Beurling**, Canadian RAF fighter ace (a nickname he never acknowledged)

## C

- "Cats Eyes" – **John Cunningham**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Chappie" – **Daniel James, Jr.**, American Air Force general (http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/photos/index.asp?galleryID=529&page=214)
- "Cobber" – **Edgar J. Kain**, World War II RAF fighter ace
- "Cobra" – **Ronald Stein**, USAF fighter ace
- "Cockney Sparrow" – John Ellis, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Cocky" – **Hugh Dundas**, British World War II RAF fighter ace<sup>[9]</sup>
- "Cowboy" – **Howard Peter Blatchford**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Crow" – **Denis Crowley-Milling**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Cyclone" – **Emmett S. Davis**, American World War II Army Air Force officer<sup>[10]</sup>
- "Cloudy" – **Werner Christie**, Norwegian fighter ace

## D

- "Darkie" – **Herbert Hallowes**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Demon of Rabaul" – **Hiroyoshi Nishizawa**, Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service fighter ace
- "Dizzy" – **H. R. Allen**, RAF fighter ace and author<sup>[11]</sup>
- "Dogs" – *John Dundas*, RAF Battle of Britain fighter ace<sup>[12]</sup>
- "Dogsbody" – **Douglas Bader**, RAF fighter ace (radio callsign while Wing Commander of Tangmere)
- "Dolfo" – **Adolf Galland**, German fighter ace
- "Dutch" – **Petrus Hugo**, South African WW2 pilot
- "Drunken Duncan" – **Wilfrid Duncan Smith**, RAF pilot

## E

- "The Eagle of Crimea"- **Pavel V. Argeyev**, Russian World War One flying ace
- "Elmer" – **Lionel Gaunce**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Easy" – **Martin Julian**, member of the Tuskegee Airmen

## F

- "Fighter George" –**Harold George**, USAAC fighter ace (to distinguish him from "Bomber" George)
- "Fighter of Libau" – **Erich Rudorffer**, World War II German ace
- "Fish" — **Herman Salmon**, American test pilot<sup>[13]</sup>
- "Flying Knight of the Northland" — **Clennell H. Dickens**, Canadian pioneer bush pilot

## G

- "Gabby" – **Francis Gabreski**, American Army Air Force fighter ace
- "Gilly" – **John Gilders**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Ginger" – **James Lacey**, British fighter ace

## H

- "Hamish" – **Claud Hamilton**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Hap" – **Henry H. Arnold**, American Army Air Forces commanding general
- "Hawkeye" – **Kenneth Lee**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Haybag" – **Douglas Haywood**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Henry" – **Roy Ford**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Hilly" – **Mark Henry Brown**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Hogey" – **Peter Carmichael**, British fighter pilot

## I

- "Igo" – **Ignaz Etrich**, Austrian aviator and aircraft builder

## J

- "Jack"
  - John Frost**, South African Air Force pilot
  - John Kurtzer**, Australian RAAF pilot
- "Jake"- **Leon Swirbul**, co-founder of Grumman Aircraft
- "Jimmy" – **John S. Thach**, American Navy fighter ace<sup>[14]</sup>
- "Johnnie" – **James E. Johnson**, British RAF fighter ace<sup>[5]</sup>
- "Johnny" – **W. E. P. Johnson**, British RAF flight instructor
- "Jumbo" – **Edward Gracie**, Battle of Britain pilot

## K

- "Kanga" – **John Kurtzer**, Australian RAAF Lancaster pilot (for his tendency to bounce his aircraft upon landing)
- "Killer" – **Clive Caldwell**, Australian RAAF flying ace
- "Killy" – **John Kilmartin**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Kinch" – **Iven Kincheloe**, American test pilot

## L

- "Little Dragon" – **Muhammad Mahmood Alam**, Pakistani fighter ace
- "Lock" – **Ormer Locklear**, American stunt pilot
- "Lofly" – **Russel Hamer**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Libby" – **Soren Liby**, Norwegian WW2 pilot
- "Lightning" – **Joe Little**, African America WW2 pilot (member of the Tuskegee Airmen)
- "Lucky Breeze" – **George Scott**, British Royal Naval Air Service pilot and airship pilot

## M

- "The Mad Major" – **Christopher Draper**, British World War I fighter ace
- "Mick" – **Edward Mannock**, British World War I fighter ace
- "Mindy" – **Minden Blake**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Mitzi" – **Edward Darling**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Moose" – **Robert Fumerton**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Mouse" – **Gordon Cleaver**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Mutt" – **Joseph Summers**, British test pilot

## N

## O

- "Obi Two" – **Colin McGregor**, RAF Tornado pilot (brother of actor Ewan McGregor, who played Obi-Wan Kenobi)<sup>[15]</sup>
- "One Armed Mac" – **James MacLachlan**, a British World War 2 ace who flew with a prosthetic arm
- "OV" – **Owen Burns**, Battle of Britain pilot

## P

- "Paddy"
  - Hubert Adair**, Battle of Britain pilot
  - Brendan Finucane**, Irish World War II RAF fighter ace
  - W. H. Harbison**, British RAF officer
- "Pancho" – **Florence L. Lowe**, American pioneer aviator
- "Pappy" –
  - Greg Boyington**, American World War II U.S. Marine Corps fighter ace<sup>[16]</sup>
  - Paul Gunn**, American World War II Army Air Force bomber pilot
  - Charles Yankey**, co-founder of Mooney
- "Pete"
  - Frank K. Everest, Jr.**, American test pilot
  - Marc Mitscher**, American World War II carrier admiral
  - Elwood R. Queseda**, American fighter ace
- "Petit Rouge" (French: *Little Red*) — **Manfred von Richthofen**, German fighter ace
- "Polly" – **John Flinders**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Pritzl" – **Heinz Bär**, German fighter ace, because of his affection for Pritzl candy bars.
- "Punch" – **Clennell H. Dickens**, Canadian pioneer bush pilot
- "Pyker" – **Jean Offenberg**, Battle of Britain pilot

## Q

- "QTP2T" – **Abignayle Wood**, RAAF F/A-18A/B Hornet pilot

## R

- "Randy" – **George Goodman**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Ratsy" – **George Preddy**, P-51 Mustang ace
- "Red" – **Eugene Tobin**, American who flew with the RAF during the Battle of Britain
- "The Red Baron" (German, *der Rote Baron*) — **Manfred von Richthofen**, German fighter ace
- "The Red Battle-flyer" (German: *der rote Kampfflieger*) — **Manfred von Richthofen**, German fighter ace
- "The Red Knight" – **Manfred von Richthofen**, German fighter ace
- "Reeste" – **Heinz Bär**, German fighter ace
- "Robin" – **Hilary Hood**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Ray Gun" – **Ray Gannon**, member of the Tuskegee Airmen

## S

- "Sailor" – **Adolph Malan**, South African RAF fighter ace<sup>[17]</sup>
- "Sandy" – **Brian Lane**, RAF Battle of Britain pilot, Squadron Leader and fighter ace
- "Sheep" – **George Gilroy**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Shorty" – **Vernon Keogh**, American who flew with the RAF during the Battle of Britain (named for diminutive height)<sup>[18]</sup>
- "Skeeter" – **Alfred Ogilvie**, Battle of Britain pilot and participant in the Great Escape
- "Skeets" – **Alfred Ogilvie**, Battle of Britain pilot and participant in the Great Escape
- "Skip" – **Jean Ziegler**, American test pilot on Bell X-1 program
- "Skinny" – **Matthew Stokes**, RCAF pilot
- "Slew" – **John S. McCain, Sr.**, American naval aviator and chief of Bureau of Aeronautics
- "Snow Eagle" – **Clennell H. Dickens**, Canadian pioneer bush pilot
- "Spanky" – **George Roberts**, American commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron (Tuskegee Airmen)
- "Spig" – **Frank W. Wead**, U.S. Navy aviator and screenwriter
- "Spud" – **James Hayter**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Spuds" – **Theodore Ellyson**, pioneer **U.S. Navy aviator**
- "Stan" – **Roderic Dallas**, top Australian fighter ace of World War I
- "Stapme" – **Gerald Stapleton**, British Battle of Britain fighter ace
- "Sticks" – **William Gregory**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Sticky" – **Norman Glew**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Strafer" – **Geoffrey Warnes**, No. 263 Squadron RAF
- "Stuffy" – **Hugh Dowding**, British commander of RAF Fighter Command from before the war into the Battle of Britain<sup>[17]</sup>
- "Sawn Off Locky" – **Eric Lock**, Battle of Britain pilot

## T

- "Taffy" –
  - Fredrick Higginson**, Battle of Britain pilot
  - Trafford Leigh-Mallory**, Fighter Command Group commander during the Battle of Britain
- "Tage" – **Dennis Lockhart**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Tex" – **David L. Hill**, American fighter pilot
- "Tiger" – **Tim** – **Fredrick Eley**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Tim" – **John Elkington**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Timbertoes" – **Sydney Carlin**, Battle of Britain gunner who lost a leg in World War I
- "Titch" – **George Palliser**, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Tubby" – **Herbert Mermegan**, Battle of Britain pilot

## U

- "Uncle Wiggly Wings" – Gail S. Halvorsen, **American Air Force officer**<sup>[19]</sup>

## V

## W

- "Wop" – **Wilfrid R. May**, Canadian pioneer bush pilot
- "White Eagle" – **Clennell H. Dickens**, Canadian pioneer bush pilot
- "Willie" – **Hugh Wilson**, RAF aviator
- "Winkle" – **Eric Brown**, British naval aviator and test pilot<sup>[20]</sup>
- "Wrong Way" – **Douglas Corrigan**, American aviator (from having to lie to Civil Aeronautics Board to fly the Atlantic)

## X

## Y

## Z

- "Zulu" – Albert Lewis, Battle of Britain pilot
- "Zulu" - George Lloyd World War I pilot

## See also

- Nickname
- Lists of nicknames – nickname list articles on Wikipedia

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