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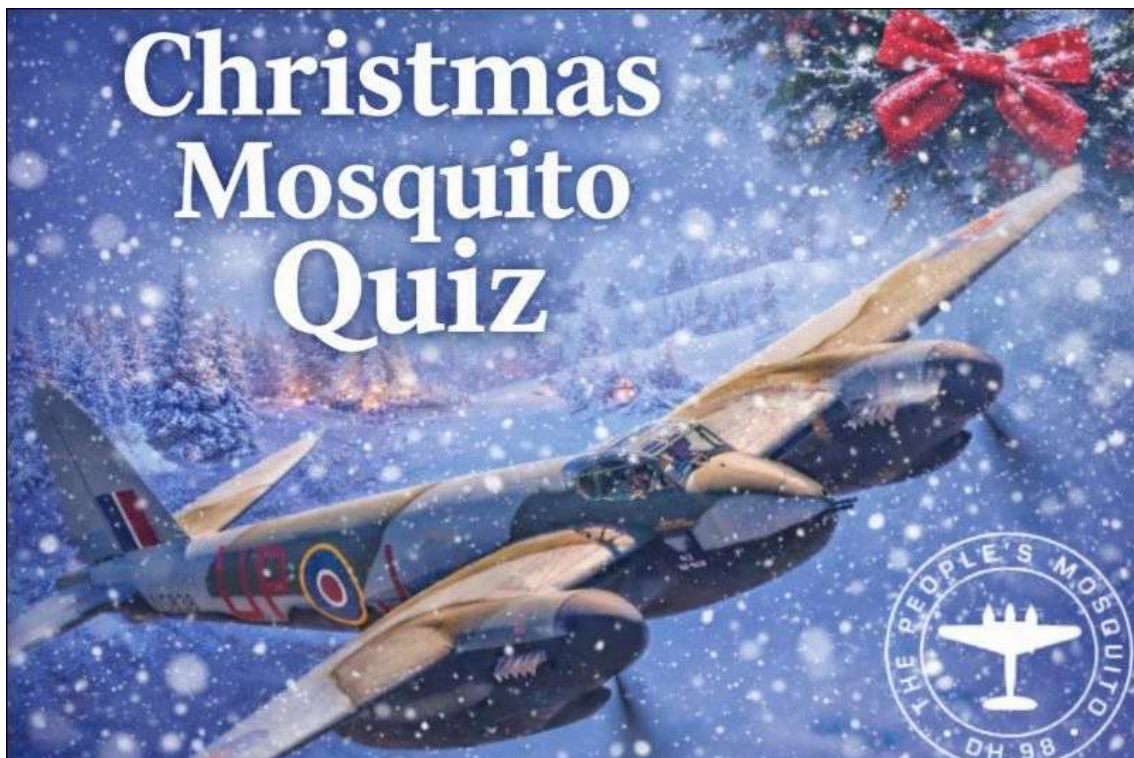
Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

We would like to thank all our readers for your support throughout the past year and look forward to bringing you exciting news as we enter 2026 - with the prospect of building the first fuselage section of a De Havilland Mosquito here in the UK for over 75 years.

year will commence next week - with latest news, Mosquito features and related aviation interest stories - together with ways you can help the project.

Your continued support and interest in the project is vital to our success and is very much appreciated by all -

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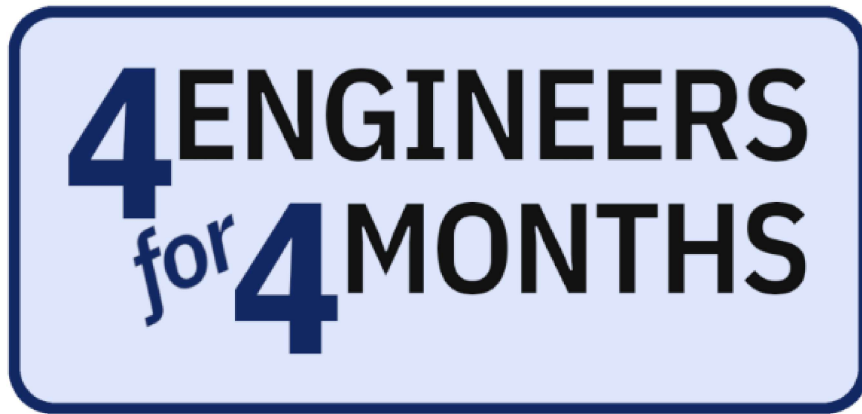
The answers...

1. What was the most famous nickname given to the De Havilland Mosquito? *Answer: The Wooden Wonder.*
2. Which legendary Rolls-Royce V12 engines typically powered the Mosquito? *Answer: Rolls-Royce Merlin.*
3. True or False: The Mosquito was originally designed as an unarmed fast bomber. *Answer: True.*
4. Where was the first Mosquito prototype designed and built in secret? *Answer: Salisbury Hall.*
5. Which specific wood was used for the aircraft's box spars? *Answer: Spruce (Sitka Spruce).*

7. What was the calibre of the "Tsetse" anti-shipping gun fitted to the FB.XVIII variant? [Answer: 57mm \(6-pounder\).](#)
8. Who was the chief designer of the Mosquito at De Havilland? [Answer: Ronald Eric \(R.E.\) Bishop.](#)
9. In what month and year did the Mosquito prototype (W4050) make its first flight? [Answer: November 1940.](#)
10. How many crew members typically operated a standard Mosquito? [Answer: Two \(Pilot and Navigator\).](#)
11. What was the primary defense of the early bomber variants? [Answer: Its High Speed.](#)
12. Which famous physicist was smuggled out of Sweden in a Mosquito's bomb bay? [Answer: Niels Bohr.](#)
13. What colour was the Mosquito prototype painted during its test flights to indicate its secret status? [Answer: "Prototype Yellow".](#)
14. Approximately how many Mosquitos were produced in total across all variants? (*..to the nearest 100*) [Answer: 7,781.](#)
15. Which specialised weapon was a smaller version of the "Upkeep" bouncing bomb designed for the Mosquito? [Answer: Highball.](#)
16. Which RAF unit first operated the Mosquito in a photographic reconnaissance role? [Answer: 1 Photographic Reconnaissance Unit \(PRU\).](#)
17. The Mosquito set a record for the most combat missions by an Allied bomber. How many sorties did "F for Freddie" complete? [Answer: 213.](#)
18. Which 1944 mission involved Mosquitos bombing a prison in France to facilitate an escape? [Answer: Ramrod 564 the Amiens Prison Raid which became more commonly called 'Operation Jericho.'](#)
19. Mosquitos famously disrupted a 10th-anniversary Nazi rally in 1943 by knocking out a broadcasting station. In which city did this occur? [Answer: Berlin.](#)
20. Which airline operated unarmed Mosquitos to ferry cargo and VIPs to neutral Sweden during the war? [Answer: BOAC \(British Overseas Airways Corporation\).](#)
21. In what year did the RAF fly its final Mosquito combat mission during Operation Firedog? [Answer: 1955.](#)
22. Where can the original Mosquito prototype (W4050) be seen on display today? [Answer: The de Havilland Aircraft Museum, Salisbury Hall, Near St. Albans.](#)
23. In what year was the last De Havilland Mosquito built in the UK? [Answer: 1950.](#)
24. The factory that built it is now part of which Aerospace company? [Answer: It was at Broughton, which is now owned by Airbus.](#)

- How did you do? - We hope you enjoyed the challenge.

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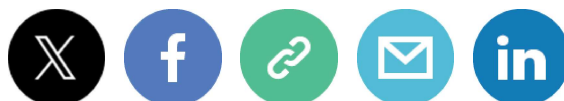
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