

The Short Brothers Stirling



The Short Stirling was a four-engine heavy bomber of the Second World War. It has the distinction of being the first four-engine bomber to be introduced into service with the Royal Air Force (RAF).

The Stirling was designed during the late 1930s by Short Brothers.

On 14 May 1939, the first plane, which had by this point received the service name "Stirling" after the Scottish city.

In early 1941 the Stirling entered squadron service.

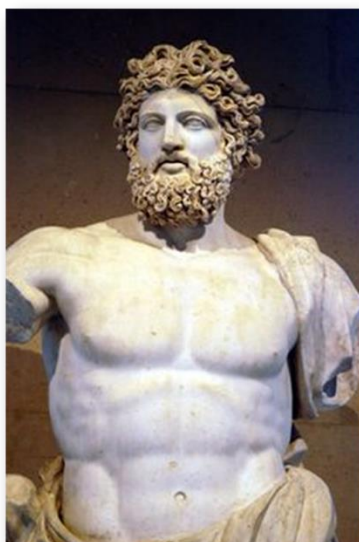
The Engine:



The Stirling was powered by four Bristol Hercules 14-cylinder two-row radial aircraft engines which were spaced across its mid-mounted wing.

The Hercules XVII produced 1,735 hp (1,294 kW).

Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol_Hercules



Hercules is a hero from Greek Mythology.

Hercules was the greatest of all Greek heroes, "one who surpassed all men in strength." He is considered as half-god of superhuman strength.