



302 SQUADRON

Commanders

26 July 1940 M. Mumler 6 Dec 1940 P. Laguna 29 May 1941 S. Witozenc 25 Nov 1941 J. Kowalski
26 Aug 1942 S. Lapka 29 Apr 1943 W. Baranski 18 Oct 1943 W. Krol 8 July 1944 M. Duryasz 31
Jan 1945 Z. Bienkowski 25 Feb 1945 I. Olszewski 24 Mar 1945 B. Kaczmarek 2 Aug 1945 J.
Szymankiewicz

Locations

10 July 1940 Leconsfield 14 Nov 1940 Duxford 25 Sep 1940 Leconsfield 11 Oct 1940 Northolt
23 Nov 1940 Westhampnett 7 Apr 1941 Kenley 28 May 1941 Jurby 7 Aug 1941 Church Staton
5 Sep 1941 Warmwell 1 Oct 1941 Church Staton 7 Oct 1941 Harrowbear (Cornwall) 15 May
1942 Heston 1 Feb 1943 Kirton in Lindsey 15 Feb 1943 Hutton Cranswick 15 June 1943
Perranporth 19 Sep 1943 Northolt 1 Apr 1944 Deanland 24 Apr 1944 Chailey (Sussex) 26
June 1944 Appledrom (Sussex) 16 July 1944 Ford (Sussex) 3 Aug 1944 Plumetot (Calvad.) 1 Sep
1944 Fairwood Common 16 Sep 1944 Vendeville (France) 2 Oct 1944 Deurne (Antwerp) 11 Oct
1944 St. Denys (East Flandres) 13 Jan 1945 Grimbergen (Brabant) 9 Feb 1945 ALG Schindel 9
Mar 1945 Gilze Rijen (North Brabant) 13 Apr 1945 Nordhorn (Germany) 30 Apr 1945 Vareellbusch
10 Sep 1945 Ahlhorn 15 July 1946 Porteath

Aircraft

28 July 1940 Hurricane I 29 Sep 1941 Hurricane IIA, IIB 30 Oct 1941 Spitfire VB 22 Sep 1943
Spitfire IX 1 Feb 1945 Spitfire XVI.

History

No.302 Squadron was formed on 13 July 1940, with Polish personnel who escaped from France after the German invasion. It began training with Hurricanes at Leconfield and in mid-October moved to Northolt to take part in the final stages of the Battle of Britain. In May 1941 it moved to the Isle of Man, where it was engaged in defensive and convoy protection duties, being transferred to south-west England in August where it re-equipped with Spitfires in October. With these it began to fly offensive sweeps over northern France until February 1943, when it moved to Lincolnshire and Yorkshire for a four-month period of defensive duties. In June it returned south to join Second TAF's sweeps over France. In April 1944 the squadron took up a fighter-bomber role in preparation for the invasion of France, and in August moved into the beachhead to provide ground attack support for the Allied armies in Normandy. After the breakout, it moved forward until based in Belgium by early October. For the rest of the war, No.302 flew sweeps over Germany in search of transport and troop targets and at the end of April 1945, occupied its first base in Germany. It remained as part of the occupation forces until disbanded on 18 December 1946.

