



308 SQUADRON

Commanders:

9 Sep 1940 **S. Laszkiewicz** ▶ 10 Nov 1940 **W. Jesionowski** ▶ 8 Dec 1940 **J. Orzechowski** ▶ 23 June 1941 **M. Pisarek** ▶ 11 Dec 1941 **M. Wesolowski** ▶ 10 Jan 1942 **M. Nowierski** ▶ 6 May 1942 **F. Szyszka** ▶ 26 May 1942 **W. Zak** ▶ 12 Feb 1943 **F. Kornicki** ▶ 4 Mar 1943 **P. Niemiec** ▶ 19 May 1943 **J. Zulikowski** ▶ 21 Mar 1944 **W. Retinger** ▶ 17 Nov 1944 **K. Pniak** ▶ 1 July 1945 **I. Olszewski**.

Locations:

9 Sep 1940 Speke 25 Sep 1940 Bagington 1 June 1941 Chilbolton 24 June 1941 Northolt 12 Dec 1941 Woodvale 1 Apr 1942 Exeter 7 May 1942 Hutton Cranswick 30 July 1942 Heston 29 Oct 1942 Northolt 29 Apr 1943 Church Fenton 5 July 1943 Hutton Cranswick 7 Sep 1943 Friston
21 Sep 1943 Hutton 11 Nov 1943 Northolt 2 Dec 1943 Hutton Cranswick 18 Dec 1943 Northolt
8 Mar 1944 Llanbert 15 Mar 1944 Northolt 1 Apr 1944 Deanland 26 Apr 1944 Chailey
28 June 1944 Appledram 6 July 1944 Ford 3 Aug 1944 Plumetot (France) 5 Sep 1944 Londiniere
10 Sep 1944 Vendeville 3 Oct 1944 Deurne (Belgium) 11 Oct 1944 St. Denijs Westrem
13 Jan 1945 Grimbergen 9 Mar 1945 Gilze Rijen (Holland) 13 Apr 1945 Nordhorn (Germany)
28 Apr 1945 Fairwood Common 2 June 1945 Varrelbusch (Germany) 10 Sep 1945 Ahlhorn 15 Dec 1946 Portreath

Aircraft:

12 Sep 1940 *Hurricane* I ▶ 30 Mar 1941 *Spitfire* I ▶ 14 May 1941 *Spitfire* II ▶ 5 Nov 1941 *Spitfire* V ▶ 12 Jan 1942 *Spitfire* II ▶ 1 Apr 1942 *Spitfire* V ▶ 12 Nov 1943 *Spitfire* IX ▶ 1 Mar 1945 *Spitfire* XVI.

History:

No.308 Squadron was formed on 9 September 1940, at the RAF Polish Depot, Blackpool and moved to Speke on 12 September to begin training. During October the squadron received Hurricanes and became operational on 12 December. In April 1941, it converted to Spitfires and in June moved to Northolt to undertake bomber escort missions over France. In December it was withdrawn to Lancashire returning in April 1942 to offensive operations for a year. After defensive duties in Yorkshire between April and September 1943, No.308 joined Second TAF and began fighter-bomber missions in preparation for the invasion of France. In August 1944 it moved to Normandy to support the Allied armies and moved forward to Belgium early in October. For the rest of the war the squadron carried out offensive sweeps over Germany, attacking enemy transport, airfields and troops movements. After a period with the occupation forces, it disbanded on 18 December 1946.

