



### Commanders

25 Nov 1940 Z. Pisl 14 Feb 1943 J. Piotrowski 15 Oct 1943 M. Piotrowski 3 Apr 1944 J. Golko 9 Sep 1944 A. Glowacki 17 July 1945 H. Pietrzak

### Locations

23 Nov 1940 Renfrew 15 May 1941 Dunino (Fifeshire) 26 Oct 1942 Findo Gask (Pertshire) / Flight "A" and "C" 15 Nov 1942 Gatwick / Flight "B" 10 Jan 1943 Peterhead / Flight "B" 8 Mar 1943 Kitnewton (Midlothian) 4 June 1943 Sanilwell (Suffolk) 5 Nov 1943 Wellingore (Lincs.) 24 Nov 1943 Snailwell 23 Apr 1944 Drem 23 Apr 1943 Acklington / Flight "A" 14 Nov 1944 Peterhead 12 Dec 1944 Andrews Field.

### Aircraft

Nov 1940 Westham Lysander II and III 1 Apr 1942 Mustang I / Flight "B" 19 Jan 1944 Hawker Hurricane IV 23 Apr 1944 Hurricane IIC 1 Sep 1944 Mustang I 20 Oct 1944 Mustang III.

### History

No.309 Squadron was formed at Abbotsinch on 8 October 1940 as an army co-operation unit for work with the Polish Army in Scotland. It was equipped with Lysanders until March 1943, but Mustangs had been added in July 1942 which, in December, operated from Gatwick on tactical reconnaissance missions over France. In June 1943 the squadron was moved to East Anglia and flew shipping reconnaissance off the Dutch and Belgian coasts. In February 1944, the unreliability of the Mustang's Allison engine caused No.309's conversion to Hurricanes and in April it moved back to Scotland for air defence duties. In October 1944, re-equipment with Merlin-powered Mustangs took place and in December the squadron moved to East Anglia to provide escorts for bombers, a task which lasted until the end of the war. It remained in Fighter Command until disbanded on 6 January 1947.

