



315 SQUADRON

Commanders

21 Jan 1941 S. **Pietraszkiewicz** 22 July 1941 W. **Szczesniewski** 11 Nov 1941 S. **Janus** 6 May 1942 M. **Wiorkiewicz** 5 Oct 1942 T. **Sawicz** 5 Apr 1943 J. **Poplawski** 15 Feb 1944 E. **Horbaczewski** 18 Aug 1944 T. **Andersz** 6 Apr 1945 W. **Potocki** 15 Feb 1946 J. **Siekierski**

Locations

8 Jan 1941 Acklington 13 Mar 1941 Speke 14 Jul 1941 Northolt 2 Jun 1943 Hutton Cranswick 6 Jul 1943 Ballyhalbert 13 Sep 1943 Heston 1 Apr 1944 Coolham 22 Jun 1944 Homsley South 26 Jun 1944 Ford 10 Jul 1944 Peterhead 16 Jan 1945 Andrews Field 10 Aug 1945 Coltishall

Aircraft

Feb 1941 Hawker *Hurricane* Mk.I. Jul 1941 Supermarine *Spitfire* Mk.II. Sep 1941 *Spitfire* Mk.V. Oct 1942 *Spitfire* Mk.IX. Jun 1943 *Spitfire* Mk.V. Mar 1944 North American *Mustang* III.

History

No 315 Squadron was formed at Acklington on 21 January 1941 as a fighter squadron, and moved to Speke in mid-March to become operational with Hurricanes in the defence of Merseyside. In July it moved to Northolt and converted to Spitfires, beginning sweeps over northern France. After returning to Lancashire for five months, it resumed offensive operations in September 1942 until withdrawn in June 1943, first to Yorkshire and a month later to Northern Ireland. No.315 joined Second TAF to form part of the defences against the flying bombs which had started to arrive in southern England. In duties supporting Bomber Command's daylight raids on Germany, but a month later was transferred to northern Scotland. From Peterhead, it flew patrols off the Norwegian coast to protect Coastal Command strike wings attacking enemy shipping. In January 1945, it returned to East Anglia and flew sweeps over the Netherlands for the rest of the war. Remaining in Fighter Command after the end of the war, No.315 was disbanded on 14 January 1947.

