



316 SQUADRON

Commanders

15 Feb 1941 J. Frey ▶ 11 Aug 1941 W. Wilczewski ▶ 15 Nov 1941 A. Gabszewicz ▶ 5 June 1942 J. Zurakowski ▶ 29 Dec 1942 M. Trzebinski ▶ 16 Sep 1943 P. Niemiec ▶ 27 June 1944 B. Arct ▶ 7 Sep 1944 Z. Drybanski ▶ 6 July 1945 M. Cwynar ▶ 11 Sep 1945 P. Niemiec.

Locations

15 Feb 1941 Pembrey 18 June 1941 Colerne 2 Aug 1941 Church Stanton 13 Dec 1941 Northolt 23 Apr 1942 Heston 31 July 1942 Hutton Cranswick 13 Mar 1943 Northolt 22 Sep 1943 Acklington 12 Feb 1944 Woodvale 24 Apr 1944 Coltishall 1 July 1944 West Malling 11 July 1944 Friston 27 Aug 1944 Coltishall 24 Oct 1944 Andrews Field 16 May 1945 Coltishall 15 Aug 1945 Andrews Field 5 Nov 1945 Wick 10 Mar 1946 Hethel.

Aircraft

15 Feb 1941 Hurricane MkI ▶ 2 Aug 1941 Hurricane MkII ▶ 13 Dec 1941 Spitfire MkV ▶ 13 Mar 1942 Spitfire MkIX ▶ 21 Sep 1943 Spitfire MkV ▶ 13 Apr 1944 Mustang III.

History

No 316 Squadron was formed at Pembrey on 15 February 1941 as a Polish fighter unit equipped with Hurricanes. It was engaged in defensive duties over south-west England until it re-equipped with Hurricanes IIs and began sweeps over northern France. In October 1941 the squadron converted to Spitfires and moved to Northolt. After being transferred to Yorkshire at the end of July 1942. No.316 came south again in March 1943 for a further six months of offensive operations. In April 1944, Mustangs were received and the squadron moved to East Anglia for fighter-bomber and escort missions. In July it moved to the South coast to operate against flying-bombs before resuming escort duties in October, which lasted for the rest of the war. On 11 December 1946, the squadron was disbanded.

