



317 SQUADRON

Commanders

20 Feb 1941 S. Brzezina 7 Aug 1941 H. Szczesny 12 Nov 1941 J. Brzezinski 16
Mar 1942 P. Ozyra 30 Apr 1942 S. Skalski 2 Nov 1942 Z. Czaykowski 29 Apr
1943 F. Kornicki 1 Jan 1944 W. Miksa 25 Aug 1944 W. Gnys 28 Aug 1944 M.
Chelmecki 17 May 1945 P. Niemiec 6 Sep 1945 M. Trzebinski

Locations

20 Feb 1941 Acklington 25 Apr 1941 Ouston 27 June 1941 Colerne 5 July
1941 Fairwood Common (S. Wales) 6 Aug 1941 Exeter 1 Apr 1942 Northolt 1
Sep 1942 Woodvale 3 Jan 1943 Northolt 1 Feb 1943 Kirton in Lindsey 5 Apr
1943 Martlesham on Heath (Suffolk) 2 May 1943 Heston 7 June 1943 Perranporth
(Cornwall) 3 Aug 1943 Fairlop 15 Sep 1943 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

20 Feb 1941 *Hurricane* MkI 20 July 1941 *Hurricane* MkII 7 Dec 1941 *Spitfire*
MkV 23 Sep 1943 *Spitfire* MkIX 1 May 1945 *Spitfire* MkXIV.

History

No 317 Squadron was formed 22 February 1941 at Acklington as a Polish Hurricane squadron. In June it moved south and began to take part in sweeps and bomber escort missions over France. Converting to Spitfires in October 1941, the squadron joined other Polish squadrons at Northolt in April 1942 but in September was transferred to Northern England. In April 1943 it returned south to fly offensive sweeps over northern France, and later joined Second TAF preparing for the invasion of Europe. After flying ground attack missions in support of the landings, No.317 moved to Normandy in August 1944, and by October was based in Belgium. For the rest of the war the squadron flew sweeps over Germany, moving there in April 1945. After a period with the occupation forces, it disbanded on 18 December 1946.

