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# TO HONOR

## NUMBER 71 FIGHTER SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE

*Number 71 Squadron, the first of the three American Eagle Squadrons, was formed at Church Fenton, United Kingdom on September 19, 1940. This unique squadron was manned completely by American volunteers, except for its British commanders. During 18 months of action the unit destroyed 41 German aircraft and was the highest scoring fighter squadron in the RAF in October and November of 1941. Beginning in September 1942 most of the members transferred to the U. S. Army Air Forces and on September 29, 1942 the unit was disbanded and became the 334<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron of the Fourth Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force. The Fourth subsequently became the highest scoring fighter group in the European Theatre during World War II. In all, 93 Americans and 7 British pilots served in 71 Squadron. They put the cause of freedom first and many lost their lives for that cause.*

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