



Man's Flight

Through Life Is

Sustained By The

Power Of His

Knowledge

TO HONOR

NUMBER 133 FIGHTER SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE

Number 133 Squadron, the last of the three American Eagle Squadrons, was formed at Coltishall, United Kingdom on August 1, 1941. This unique squadron was manned completely by American volunteers, except for its British commanders. During about nine months of action the unit destroyed 14 1/2 German aircraft. Beginning in September 1942 most of the members transferred to the U. S. Army Air Forces. On September 26 the unit suffered the greatest tragedy to befall the Eagle Squadrons when the entire squadron was lost on one mission. On September 29, 1942 the unit was disbanded and became the 336th Fighter Squadron of the Fourth Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force. The Fourth subsequently became the highest scoring unit in the European Theatre during World War II. In all, 75 Americans and 5 British pilots served in 133 Squadron. They put the cause of freedom first and many lost their lives for that cause.

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