



14th January 1944
First operational raid - to Brunswick



550 Squadron & RAF North Killingholme Association

Reunion Dinner

The Ashbourne Hotel, North Killingholme

Saturday 5th July 2014

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To celebrate the 70th Anniversary
of operations from
R.A.F. North Killingholme

“The fighters are our salvation now;
the bombers will win us the war”

Winston Churchill, to the War Cabinet, September 1940



550 Squadron History

25th November	1943	Squadron formed at Waltham airfield from C' Flight, 100 Squadron.
26th November	1943	First raid, 8 Lancasters to Berlin.
4th January	1944	Squadron moved to North Killingholme.
14th January	1944	First raid from N.K., 11 Lancasters to Brunswick.
25th April	1945	Last raid, 23 Lancasters to Berchtesgaden.

Operational Record

194	raids
3485	take offs (122 early returns, 188 "Ordered to Return") = 3175 successful sorties
14,271	night operational hours flown
4,988	day operational hours flown
16,195	tons of bombs dropped
56	aircraft and crews "Missing"
14	aircraft crashed

From April 1945, the Squadron flew on Operation Manna (dropping food to Holland) and Operation Dodge (bringing troops back from Italy). One aircraft was lost in September and one crashed in October.

31st October 1945 Squadron officially disbanded.

THE GRACE

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MENU

Chicken Liver Pâté

Served with Crusty Bread

Mediterranean Vegetable Salad

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Roast Leg of Lamb served with Fruit Stuffing

With a Redcurrant & Garden Rosemary Jus

Roast Salmon Fillet

With a Bisque Sauce

Wild Mushroom Gnocchi

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Lemon Meringue Roulade

Mixed Berry Panna Cotta

Selection of Ice Cream

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Coffee or Tea, with Mints

TOASTS

THE QUEEN
QUEEN MARGRETHE OF DENMARK
550 SQUADRON SURVIVORS
ABSENT FRIENDS

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS and “NOSTALGIA TIME”
Jack Harris