

Other City Spitfires

Although RW388 is Stoke-on-Trent's very own Spitfire – donated to us in 1972 by the RAF – the City does have connections to two other Spitfires. P8568 and P8580 were both built as part of batches of 1000 Spitfires in the early 1940s, but what makes them special is that these two particular aircraft were paid for by the City – we assume through fundraising organisations such as the Spitfire Fund.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the help of Mr. M. A. Reynolds who was kind enough to inform us of these two City Spitfires and allowed us to duplicate his research into these aircraft's histories below.

SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE P8568 – CITY OF STOKE ON TRENT I

Built as a Mk.I at Vickers Armstrong (Castle Bromwich)

Converted to a Mk.IIB (25/5/1941)

Powered by a Merlin XII (Take-off Power: 1,175hp @ 3,000rpm)

HISTORY

25/5/1941

Taken on charge No. 12 M.U. [RAF Kirkbride]

22/6/1941

With 118 Squadron [Based at Ibsley]

[Squadron Motto: *Occido redeoque* | "I kill and return" (Latin)]

12/10/1941

With 132 Squadron [Based at Peterhead & Skeabrae]

[Squadron Motto: *Cave leopardum* | "Beware the leopard" (Latin)]

7/5/1942

53 O.T.W.

8/10/1943

R.I.W. Cat. B. Damage

[Category B: Repairable at an M.U. or contractors works]

15/1/1944

AW/CN

30/1/1944

39 M.U. [RAF Colerne]

27/5/1944

61 O.T.U.

10/9/44

45 M.U. [RAF Kinloss]

23/10/44

Struck off charge

SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE P8580 – CITY OF STOKE ON TRENT II

Built as a Mk.IIB at C.B.A.F. [Supermarine Factory at Castle Bromwich]
Powered by a Merlin XII (Take-off Power: 1,175hp @ 3,000rpm)

HISTORY

25/5/41

Taken on charge No. 12 M.U. [RAF Kirkbride]

22/6/1941

To 118 Squadron [Based at Ibsley]
[Squadron Motto: *Occido redeoque* | "I kill and return" (Latin)]

17/7/1941

No 43 G.P. Dep Acc

17/8/1941

To 315 Squadron [Based at Northolt]
[Polish Fighter Squadron "*Dębliński*" (City of Deblin)]

9/9/1941

To 118 Squadron [Based at Ibsley]
[Squadron Motto: *Occido redeoque* | "I kill and return" (Latin)]

15/10/1941

To 132 Squadron [Based at Peterhead & Skeabrae]
[Squadron Motto: *Cave leopardum* | "Beware the leopard" (Latin)]

24/3/1942

Cat. B. Damage
[Category B: Repairable at an M.U. or contractors works]

18/4/1942

AW/CN

8/5/1942

Re Cat. E.
[Category E: Complete write-off with no value except salvage]