



A DETAILED HISTORY OF **RAF MANSTON**

1941–1945

Invicta—The Undefeated



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A Detailed History of RAF Manston 1941-1945 covers the station's history during the period that the RAF was on the offensive against the Luftwaffe. Having been badly damaged during the Battle of Britain and the only airfield to have been put out of action, Manston rose from the ashes to become a base for numerous fighter units that attacked Hitler's Fortress Europe.

From 1941 onwards, Manston was used by damaged aircraft returning from operations, especially those from Bomber Command. Consequently, a large runway was built and was one of three in the country that was equipped to deal with emergencies.

In 1944, 501 Squadron was formed with the Hawker Tempest to destroy enemy armor, aircraft and the feared V1; Squadron Leader Joe Berry was credited to destroying sixty-one V1s. Another first was the arrival of the Meteor jet fighter in August 1944.

After the war, Manston became a base for a number of civil airlines, but continued in its role as a major diversion airfield and an emergency landing ground."

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