



HOME DEFENCE 1940-1942  
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SICILY 1943  
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FRANCE and LOW COUNTRIES 1940  
NORTH AFRICA 1942-1945  
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# THE CITY OF LONDON SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

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## PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

The objectives of the Association are to:

- a. Support by collective or individual endeavour all undertakings of the Squadron.
- b. Honour the memory and carry on the work of those who die in the service of their Country.
- c. Encourage the bond between present and past, and maintain the traditions of the Squadron.
- d. Promote the welfare of all members and their spouses, widows, widowers and other dependants.

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The Association provides continuity in co-operation with

*Our Sister Squadron and Unit and their Associations*

No. 2600 (City of London) Field Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment

No. 1 (County of Hertford) Maritime Headquarters Unit

*Our Affiliated Squadrons and its Association*

No. 21 (City of Melbourne) Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force Reserve

No. 601 (County of London) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

No. 604 (County of Middlesex) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

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1. "Where there are two Englishmen there will be three gardens because the Club will have a garden"...was the description by an anglophile of the English – and so with 600 Squadron. Soon after the war, those who had been in the flux in welding our team, which built the enduring and growing heritage, expressed a desire to renew old friendships and enjoy again the comradeship with the Squadron whose life as a family had been disrupted by the war.
2. In 1946, the Auxiliary Air Force was re-established and No. 600 Squadron was re-formed. On 16<sup>th</sup> December 1947, His Majesty The King granted the title Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and the highest tribute was paid not only to the Squadrons but also to the men and women volunteers of the Auxiliary Air Force who dispersed to give of their ability to units of all Commands at home and overseas and moreover to the handful of regulars who had with patience and understanding trained them. To the present generation of the Squadron, it provided an incentive by re-organising those who are willing to give voluntary service and train themselves in arms not to attack or subdue others but to defend the heritage we all share.
3. By unanimous vote to a General Meeting held in the Drill Hall at T.H.Q. Finsbury Barracks, the Association was inaugurated on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1953, when rules that had been drafted by a Ways and Means Committee appointed at a Reunion on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1953, were approved.
4. Through its Committee, the Association has Reunions, some for members only, others for members and their spouses and partners. The audited accounts are presented at the AGM when the annual election of a Committee takes place. A list of members giving address, years in the Squadron and present occupation is distributed. A bulletin to recapture the past and record the present keeps all members in touch.
5. Members are as far afield as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States of America, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, France and Eire.
6. We are fortunate in the number of friends, men and women, service and civilian who, although not serving members of our Squadron, give help and incentive by their constant interest in our fortunes. We are happy to be able to invite them to keep in touch through Associate Membership and enjoy all that the Association has to offer.
7. An Association such as ours entails much voluntary work but if its members are to be served a sound financial position is essential. In order to ensure that no one is precluded from membership for financial reasons a Life membership fee has been set at £20. However, it is hoped that every member will make an annual donation in accord with his means and fortunes, vary as they may from time to time.
8. It may be your desire to join but there is also a duty you owe to your friends who worked alongside you and are interested in your life and fortunes, to whom a means of keeping in touch affords much pleasure.
9. If you, or your dependants, are ever in need of help, every assistance that your Association can give is there for the asking: even in a welfare State as we know it today, there is still room for voluntary organisations such as ours.

### FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT

10. The Honorary Secretary would be glad of the names and addresses of those who are eligible but not yet members.
11. The reverse of the application form is blank. Please write more of your service life, experiences, or other details, which will help in knowing you better and ensure that the Association really is a family concern.
12. Cheques should be made payable to The City of London Squadron Association.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES

#### RULE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

- a. Every Officer, NCO and Airman serving on the posted strength of the Squadron will *ipso facto* be a member of the Association.
- b. An Officer, NCO or Airman of the Regular, Reserve or Auxiliary Air Forces who served on the posted strength of the Squadron or its sisters, 2600 Sqn and 1MHQ Unit, is eligible for membership.
- c. The Committee by majority vote may invite as an Associate Member a civilian or member of the services.

#### RULE 5 – ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- a. Each candidate for election to membership shall apply to the Honorary Secretary on the Approved application form.
- b. The election of members is vested in the majority vote of the committee whose decision is final and who shall not disclose their deliberations.

#### RULE 7 – SUBSCRIPTION

- a. Subscription is set at £20 for life membership. Donations are always gratefully received and will be faithfully applied.
- b. No subscription shall be paid by serving members of the Squadron or by Honorary or Associate Members.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To: The Honorary Secretary, The City of London Squadron Association, 1 Centauri Close, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire, LU7 3XF

*PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS*

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Surname Forename(s)

Title Rank

Decorations/Awards

Address

Telephone Number(s) Email address

Civilian or present  
Occupation

**SERVICE IN 600 SQUADRON / 2600 SQUADRON / 1 MHQ UNIT/601 SQN / 604 SQN**  
(delete as applicable)

Date from Date to

Service Number

Trade Branch

I hereby apply for election as a Life Member

I enclose a cheque for

Subscription £20

Donation £

Total £

Signed.....

Date.....

**FOR USE BY THE COMMITTEE**

Received by Hon. Secretary..... Acknowledged by Hon. Secretary.....

Elected by Committee..... Notified of election.....

Forwarded to Hon. Treasurer..... Membership No. ....

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This space is for further details of your life in the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, civilian occupation, names and addresses of those who would like to hear of the Association etc., etc.