

GREEK CAMPAIGN

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During the early days of World War Two, the Squadron achieved impressive victories over the Italian fighters but by March 1941, the Squadron found itself fighting the Luftwaffe in Greece. By May 1941, the Allies had been pushed back to Crete and it was there that 33 Squadron's ground crew distinguished themselves in battle. Alongside Australian, New Zealand and Greek troops, 33 Squadron fought to repel thousands of German paratroopers around the airfield at Maleme. After ten days, the surviving ground crew were evacuated to Egypt where they re-joined the Squadron.

33 Squadron had taken 12 Hawker Hurricanes to Greece in February 1941, only 4 survived at the withdrawal to Crete in May. Of these just one made its way back to Egypt.



33 Squadron Hurricanes



33 Squadron Hurricane pilots in Greece