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FOREWORD

This book has been compiled to pay tribute to those officers and men who belonged to 427 Squadron and is dedicated to the memory of those living and dead who served in World War II and in the NATO Theatre of Operations.

With the passage of time it becomes ever more difficult to encompass in one book the history of a squadron. Consequently, this book does not presume to be an exhaustive and definitive study for time and space preclude such. A vast amount of material was culled from the archives and Squadron diaries and a representative selection made. This pictorial portrayal depicting the Lions and their accomplishments is perhaps superficial, but serves to illustrate the personalities and their contributions to achievement and maintenance of peace. But more than that; in the cause of freedom of thought, word and deed these men played their part with pride and professionalism. With dedication, they carried out their duties to the extent of the supreme sacrifice.

Their legacy is bequeathed - In the preservation of the Democratic Institution when necessary, if necessary; Strike with a Sure Hand Ferte Certas Manus.

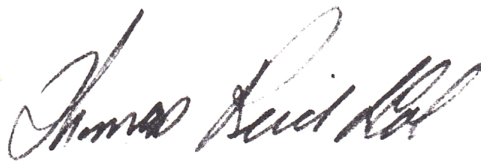
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