

# MAC Roberts Reply

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ORIGINAL STIRLING BOMBER 1942.  
MAC ROBERTS REPLY  
with Flying officer Boggis and Crew.

It was for a short time at R.A.F Warboys,  
and stood just to the left of the Cemetery



The crew of the bomber plane "MacRobert's Reply" all ready to take off for a raid over enemy territory

This Stirling of Fifteen Squadron was named by Lady MacRobert 1884-1954, who had three Sons.

The eldest ALASDAIR was killed in 1938 in a flying accident.

RODERIC. Her second Son, who was a pilot in the R.A.F was lost in action 3 years later in 1941, also 26 years of age.

IAIN her third and last Son was also a pilot in the R.A.F. died 6 weeks later when his Blenheim Aircraft failed to return home, he was 24 years old.



But instead of crumbling under the strain of the tragedy she decided she would donate £25,000 to buy an Aircraft to fight on in her Sons name.

So she wrote to the Secretary of State Sir Archibald Sinclair, and he granted her wish.

She also asked for the Bomber to be named MAC ROBERTS REPLY, and might carry the Mac Robert Crest or Badge "A frond of Bracken and an Indian Rose crossed."

She also sponsored 4 HURRICAN FIGHTERS at the same time

THIS STARTED A GREAT TRADITION that the R.A.F has kept alive..

A Succession of R.A.F. Aircraft has since carried the name.

The last MACROBERTS REPLY was a Tornado GR 4 XV Squadron that was still identified by the cherished tail letter "F"

WHAT A LADY!!

