



COLTISHALL, END OF THE LINE



— MICHAEL RONDOT

Life on the flight line at Royal Air Force Coltishall, the last operational front-line former Battle of Britain fighter station and the home of the Jaguar



COLTISHALL © Michael Rondot 2006
150 signed & numbered: £75 50 artist's proofs: £120

Size: 27x20 ins 700x500mm (image size: 24x15 ins)
25 remarques: £235 10 giclée canvas: £375 (image: 30x20 ins)

The closure of RAF Coltishall in April 2006 marked the end of the line for a historic Battle of Britain fighter station. Opened in 1940, Coltishall was the last RAF station to operate three squadrons of aircraft from flight lines in front of squadron hangars, and was the last operational front-line former Battle of Britain station. During the 1960s it was a famous Lightning fighter base until, in 1974, it became the home of the RAF Jaguar Force.

REMARQUE PRINTS
Especially prized for their rarity and personal touch, remarque prints have an original pencil drawing of a Jaguar added to the print border similar to the example at the bottom of this page.

Michael Rondot's new painting portrays a busy day on the line at Coltishall as groundcrews and pilots prepare their aircraft to fly. Their attention is diverted by the approach of a pair of Jaguars carrying out a mock airfield attack, flying low and fast over the 41(F) Squadron engineering buildings. The attention to detail and accuracy are typical of the artist's fluid painting style, and absolutely capture the atmosphere of a busy front-line fighter station.

- THE SIGNATURES**
The 50 artist's proofs and 25 remarque prints in this edition were individually signed on Battle of Britain Day, 15 September 2005, at the last Battle of Britain Dinner to be held at the Officer's Mess, RAF Coltishall. We are honoured to have these few prints signed by TEN distinguished former and serving commanders from RAF Coltishall:
- Air Vice-Marshal **JOHN HOWE** CB CBE AFC
 - Air Vice-Marshal **GEORGE BLACK** CB OBE AFC
 - Air Vice-Marshal **CHRIS HARPER** CBE
 - Air Commodore **GRAHAM WRIGHT** OBE
 - Group Captain **PHIL DACRE**
 - Group Captain **TIM HEWLETT** OBE
 - Group Captain **JOHN BRYANT**
 - Wing Commander **DICK MACORMAC**
 - Squadron Leader **ANDY QUICK**

Published in a very restricted limited edition, "COLTISHALL" recalls, for collectors of military aviation art, the golden years of the Royal Air Force.

GICLÉE CANVAS MASTERWORKS
These beautiful artist-signed prints on canvas replicate, with striking effect, the look and feel of the original painting. Only a very few are issued with each edition, and because they are so rare, they are often fully subscribed soon after release. (Image size: 30x20 inches).

ARTIST'S PROOFS
Artist's proofs (APs) are traditionally reserved for use by the artist and publisher and are given a greater value by collectors because they often have added signatures and may be difficult to obtain. The 50 APs in this edition have ten additional signatures.

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