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For RAF Station Mildenhall, the war effectively ended on April 22, 1945 when bombers from the station flew their last combat mission against Bremen, Germany. Germany officially surrendered on May 7, 1945. However, this did not mean the bomber squadrons were without work. Immediately after the war, RAF Station Mildenhall aircraft returned repatriated prisoners of war to their home countries and dropped relief supplies to Dutch flood victims. The retreating German Army had caused floods to cover their retreat.

On August 25, 1945, 19 days after the surrender of Japan, No. 44 (Rhodesia) (Bomber) Squadron moved to RAF Station Mildenhall. Their motto was FULMINA REGIS IUSTA (The King's Thunderbolts Are Righteous). December 1945 marked the first major involvement by the USAAF with RAF Station Mildenhall.



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