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The tale of the Kipper Patrol

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THE history of a squadron that helped protect Britain during the Second World War has been recorded for the first time.

The 608 Auxillary Air Force was a squadron based in Thornaby who helped with the war effort.

The squadron protected shipping convoys and supply routes and helped look for enemy submarines.

The Squadron was affectionately known as the Kipper Patrol.

The head of history at Grangefield school in Stockton, Louise Wilkinson, has written a detailed book on their achievements.

Miss Wilkinson said: "Although their role was never seen as glamorous and never received national glory, they nonetheless played a significant part in the defence of the United Kingdom."

The squadron was formed in 1930 and merged with the RAF in 1939.

The book tells the stories of the men who served and how their lives were affected by the start of the Second World War.

The Kipper Patrol is available from www.pneumasprings.com

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