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Title:
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Date(s):
1942-1945

Level of description:
Collection (fonds)

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
0.09 cubic metres (9 boxes)

Context

Name of creator(s):
Gale, Sir, Humfrey Myddleton, 1890-1971, Knight, Lieutenant General

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born, 1890; educated at St Paul's School, Architectural School, Westminster, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; served with the 28 County of London Bn (Artists' Rifles), The London Regt, Territorial Force, 1908-1910; commissioned into the Army Service Corps, 1911; served in World War One, 1914-1918; awarded MC; Lt, 1914; temporary Capt, 1914-1917; Deputy Assistant Director of Transport, BEF (British Expeditionary Force), Western Front, 1915-1919; Capt, 1917; Staff Capt, War Office, 1919-1923; Brevet Maj, 1921; Staff Capt, War Office, 1928-1930; Maj, 1930; Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, War Office, 1930-1932; Lt Col, 1932; General Staff Officer 2, Staff College, Camberley, Surrey, 1935-1937; Col, 1937; Assistant Director of Shipping and Transport, War Office, 1937-1939; served in World War Two, 1939-1945; Brig, 1939; Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, 3 Corps, France, 1939-1940; awarded CBE, 1940; temporary Maj Gen, 1940-1941; Maj Gen, Administration, Scottish Command, 1940-1941; Maj Gen, 1941; Chief Administrative Officer to Gen Sir Alan Francis Brooke, Commander in Chief Home Forces, 1941; awarded CB, 1942; Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer under US Gen Dwight David Eisenhower, European Theatre of Operations, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), 1942-1945; awarded CVO, 1943; Allied invasions of North Africa (Operation TORCH), 1942, Sicily (Operation HUSKY), 1943, Italy (Operations BAYTOWN, SLAPSTICK and AVALANCHE), 1943, and Normandy (Operation OVERLORD), 1944; created KBE, 1943; temporary Lt Gen, 1944; Col Commandant, Royal Army Service Corps, 1944-1954; Personal Representative in Europe of Director General of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), 1945-1947; worked for Anglo-Iran Oil Company; Col Commandant, Army Catering Corps, 1946-1958; retired, 1947; Chairman, Basildon New Town Development Corporation, Essex, 1954-1964; died, 1971.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
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Content & structure

Scope and content:
Papers, 1942-1945, of Lt Gen Sir Humfrey Myddleton Gale dating from his time at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), comprising typescript diaries about his work containing narrative entries on daily events and activities, 1942-1945; office files as Chief Administrative Officer, 1944-1945, including correspondence; five printed volumes, 'History of the Allied Forces Headquarters, Parts I-II', Aug 1942-Dec 1943.
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