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Title:
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Date(s):
1942-1958

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
1 file or 0.01m3

Context

Name of creator(s):
Baker, Thomas Herbert, 1913-2006, Wing Commander

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1913, Deolali, Bombay; educated at Portsmouth and Lancaster Grammar Schools; joined Royal Air Force 1921, serving in England, Egypt and Palestine; joined 90 Squadron, 1939; joined 107 Squadron, Jul 1940; joined 114 Squadron, Apr 1941; crashed and severely injured during raid against Schipol aerodrome, Amsterdam, 17 Apr 1942, hospitalised, Apr-Dec 1942; sent to Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany (now Zagan, Poland), Dec 1942; transferred to Stalag Luft XIIIID, Nuremberg, Germany, Feb 1945, and Stalag VIIB, Moosburg, Mar 1945; liberated 29 Apr 1945; joined 210 Squadron; worked at Bomber Command and Royal Air Force Staff College; group navigation officer, Air Headquarters, Malta; administrator, Leeming airfield; retired, Jan 1958; died, Mar 2006.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Donated to the centre by the family, March 2007.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Papers of Wing Commander Thomas Baker comprising: photocopy of POW log, 1942-1945, including 'The Diary of a Ranker', 1929-1945, detailing Baker's career in the RAF and movements as a POW; copy of letter of complaint at conditions in Stalag Luft III, photographs, sketches and cartoons, isometric diagram of cell; newspaper article showing his crashed plane, and farewell messages from fellow inmates; photocopy of flying logbooks, Oct 1940-Nov 1941 and May 1945-Jan 1958. Also copy of obituary.

System of arrangement:
In sections as above.

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Language/scripts of material:
English, German

Finding aids:
Summary guide entry on-line.

Allied materials

Existence and location of originals:
Originals are retained by the family.

Related units of description:
LHCMA WARD papers include photographs and diary entries made during his time in Stalag Luft III, 1942;
LHCMA NELSON, TR, papers include articles, 1948, describing the escape from Stalag Luft III, 1942-1944;

Description control

Archivist’s Note:
Entry compiled by Katharine Higgon

Rules or conventions:
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