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1917-2014

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Collection

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
6 boxes, 4 outsize items

Context

Name of creator(s):
GARRAD-COLE | Eric | 1917-2003 | Wing Commander

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1917; educated at Watford Grammar School; apprentice engineer with Vauxhall Motors, 1935; joined the Territorial Army as Trooper in City of London Yeomanry, Royal Horse Artillery, 1936; joined RAF, 1937; pilot, Bomber Transport Squadron, Iraq, 1938-1939; transferred to 211 Squadron, Western Desert, 1939; shot down by enemy ground fire, Libya, 1940; POW, Italy, 1940-1943, made numerous escape attempts; escaped to Rome and worked with local resistance as an unofficial billeting officer for escaped Allied POWs, 1943-1944; awarded MC, 1944; re-trained as a fighter pilot, 1944; served with Night Fighter Operational Training Unit, 1945-1946; commanded 129 Sqn and 267 Sqn, 1946-1948; Staff College, 1948; seconded to Pakistan Air Force as Wing Commander, 1950-1952; Air Defence Squadron, 1951-1952; Air Ministry, 1952-1956; Joint Services Staff College, 1956; Wing Commander, Air Defence 224 Group, Malaysia, 1956-1959; Deputy Station Commander, RAF Syerston, Nottinghamshire, 1959-1960; retired, 1960; publican, Somerset; died, 2003. Publication: Single to Rome (London, Allan Wingate, 1955)

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