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Booth, Douglas E.

1941-1944

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

After flight training in Dallas, Texas, and Ottawa, Canada, Douglas E. Booth was commissioned in 1941 as a pilot officer in the Royal Air Force and traveled to England immediately. He joined the 121st "Eagle Squadron" and subsequently flew more than 100 sorties over Europe and Malta. In September of 1942, Booth relinquished the RAF commission and applied for a transfer to the U.S. Army Air Forces. He was then assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron, 8th Air Force. He returned to the United States in 1943 and was transferred to Hawaii in 1945. Douglas Booth left the service in 1947 and passed away in 1989.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection was originally processed on an unknown date by an unknown processor, and was reviewed and updated in May 2021. It contains three folders of materials divided into four series; Photographs, Publications, Newspaper Clippings, and Personal Items and Records

Names: Booth, Douglas E.

Keywords and terms: Eagle Squadrons; Royal Air Force (RAF); Pilots; World War, 1939-1945; World War II; Malta; England; 336th Fighter Squadron

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PHOTOGRAPHS

BOX ONE

Folder 1 Eleven 3 1/4" x 4 1/4" black and white photos (captioned)
Eagle Squadron flyers and airplanes.

Twelve 3 1/4" x 5 1/2" black and white photos (captioned) of Eagle Squadron
flyers and airplanes.

Four 5" x 7" black and white photos, three captioned, one without captioned of Eagle Squadron flyers.

Three 3 3/4" x 5" black and white photos (captioned) of Eagle Squadron flyers and airplanes.

One 4 1/4" x 2 1/2" of airplane (captioned).

One 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" of airplane (captioned).

Three 11/2"x21/2" black and white (captioned) of airplanes and bomb burst at Malta.

Five photos black and white, four of visit by Duchess of Kent with unidentified flyers, one photo of Eagle Squadron flying over England.

SERIES TWO: PUBLICATIONS

Folder 2 Booklet: *Aircraft Recognition*. Includes photographs and information on aircrafts of Great Britain, France, and Germany. Air Publication 1764. March 1940

Booklet: *The Air Battle of Malta: The official account of the R.A.F. in Malta, June 1940 to November 1942*. London: His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1944

Booklet: *Combat Air Forces of WW II*. Washington, D.C.: Army Times, no date

Booklet: *The Identification of British and Enemy Warplanes*. Liverpool: Real Photographs Co., no date

SERIES THREE: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Folder 3 *New York Herald Tribune*, "Fighting Planes of the R.A.F's Second Eagle Squadron," no date

The New York Sun, "2 New York Area Boys with R.A.F.," 15 October 15 1941

New York World-Telegram, "11 Yanks with RAF in Malta-Play Hero Roles; Four Killed." July 17, 1942

"Heroic Yank tells of Malta Defense." Featuring Booth and his mother, no date

"17 Eagle Pilots in Britain sent to Other Zones," no date

“British Pound North France Day and Night,” no date

Additional photos from newspaper articles

SERIES FOUR: PERSONAL ITEMS AND RECORDS

Folder 4 Personal effects of Douglas Booth consist of R.A.F. ID, photo, dog tags, identification card, etc.

Original menu aboard the U.S.S. Wasp, Friday, Breakfast, April 17, 1942.

Form, Army of the United States, "Separation Qualification Record."

Incoming/Outgoing messages, official orders, pilot instrument certificates.

Folder 5 Log Book - Detailed record of flights untaken by Douglas Booth.

Un-foldered Goggles

SMS 34 Addendum 1
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Addendum One consist of three folders divided into four series: photographs, books, printed matter, and newspaper clippings. Printed matter includes records and hand-written notes.

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Folder 6 P47 aircraft, military personnel identified as: Douglas Booth, Reade Tilley, Pissanos, 'Abie' O'regan, Mike Sobanski, Flash Gordon, Whitlow, Brig. Gen. Hunter, Col. Anderson, Andrews, Dick Bradley, Lt. Howard Hively, Lt. Raymond C. Care. etc.

SERIES TWO: BOOKS

BOX ONE

Folder 7 *Debden Eagles: The 4th Fighter Group in World War II* by Garry L. Fry.
Published by Walker-Smith Inc., 1970

Spitfire at War by Alfred Price. London: Ian Allen Ltd., 1974

SERIES THREE: PRINTED MATTER

BOX ONE

Folder 8 Air Crew Data (2 copies)

Military Orders, 23 September 1942 (2 copies)

Letter to Mr. Douglas E. Booth from Col. Philip D. Caine, 9 October 1987

Two sheets of typed poetry

Letter to Doug, from Bob Beeson, including a note and a photo of Lysander and Whitlow. 20 May 1987

SERIES FOUR: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

BOX ONE

Folder 8

Photo of Parks Air College, including Douglas E. Booth

“Grad Douglas E. Booth Adds to his Laurels”

“2nd Eagle Unit of Americans Aiding R.A.F.”

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