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EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1939-1989
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APPROX. NO. PGS: 3,500
COLLECTION DATE:

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wilson "Bill" Victor Edwards was born in Los Angeles, California on July 19, 1918 to James Barrett and Bertie Emory Edwards. He and his family moved to Arizona shortly after and spent much of his boyhood in Winslow, Arizona. The third of four children he was interested at a young age in flying. He flew his first flight at age 11 and his first solo flight at age 16. He attended Winslow High School in Arizona and graduated from there in June of 1938. From 1939-1940 he attended Santa Monica Jr. College and, majored in Engineering, and earned his first official pilot's license through the school's local CPT program flying 45hp Luscombes.

After graduating he applied to the USAAF but was turned down do to not passing the physical. In November 1940 he signed up to become a pilot in the Royal Air Force (RAF) and was immediately accepted. He was sent to Tulsa, Oklahoma's Spartan School of Aeronautics for RAF training. After graduation, he was sent to an OTU in England and completed operation trainings for Hurricanes and Spitfire aircraft. Upon completion, he was assigned to the 133 Squadron, the last of the famous Eagle Squadrons, doing convoy escort and operational training missions in Ireland and England.

On September 25, 1942 he officially joined the USAAF and was assigned to the 8th Air Force doing convoy patrol missions in England. In June 1944, during the height of World War II, he was assigned to the fourth fighter group flying P-51D's where he carried out escort missions escorting aircraft bombers on deep missions in Germany. On 13 July 1944 his aircraft was shot down on an escort mission to Munich and he spent the remainder of the war as a POW in a Stalag Luft I camp in Barth, Germany. He and his camp were liberated May of 1945 by the Russians.

After the war ended, Edwards spent an additional 27 years serving in various command and leadership positions in both the US Army Air Force and the US Air Force in Air Training Command and Air Defense Command. He served in various countries such as Germany, France, Malta, Yugoslavia, and Italy as well as several bases in the United States including Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Edwards retired from the Air Force in 1968 and moved back to Colorado Springs with his family. In 1968 he began working as a defense contractor at Lockheed Martin where he worked in Saudi Arabia and Yemen as a manager of communication and air defense software until 1979.

In 1980 he retired from Lockheed Martin and obtained his civilian flight instructor license from the Aero Club at Peterson Air Force Base. He served as a flight instructor at all levels in Southern Colorado for the next 25 years, teaching everyone from those just wanting private licenses, to Air Force Academy cadets and graduates. In 2001 Edwards was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame and was also part of the RAF Eagle Squadron that was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

Edwards was an early member and president of the Eagle Squadron Association. He was very involved with the organization and, during his presidency, was responsible for the Association choosing the USAF Academy Library as their official depository. He was also responsible for physically getting many of the manuscript collections into the archive including the SMS 764 Vern Haugland collection, SMS 766 Clayton Knight collection, MS 31 Pateman WASP collection, SMS 735 James Goodson collection, SMS 734 Cadman Padgett collection, SMS 731 Morris W. Fessler collection, SMS 719 Charles A. Cook collection among others.

Edwards passed away in his home in Colorado Springs on August 7, 2009. He was survived by his wife, Barbara, who he married in Colorado Springs in 1959, and three sons Gary, Dan and Steven and a daughter, Dawn. During his life, Edwards received many rewards and medals throughout his long career. A few of these medals are the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal, the Prisoner of War medal and the World War II Victory medal. Edwards was a key figure in aviation history and approached everyone he met, whether it was British Royalty or a waitress at a restaurant, with a friendly and caring manner. He will forever be remembered as a pioneer in aviation and an exceptional Colorado aviator.

Note: Biographical material found in the collection's donor file and in Edwards 201 military file and his Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame induction notebook found in SMS 703 Addendum 17 Box 7

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Wilson V. Edwards and his career in the Eagle Squadron. This collection consists of 10 Series divided into 3 boxes and books on the special collections book shelves. Series One consists of various photographs depicting Eagle Squadron and its members. Series Two contains newspapers concerning the Eagle Squadron. Series Three contains news articles concerning the Eagle Squadron. Series Four contains European maps in the German language detailing the Eagle Squadron. Series Five consists of technical manuals detailing aeronautics and aircraft of the Eagle Squadron. Series Six consists of periodicals containing info on aeronautics. Series Seven consists of letters to and from Bill Edwards and Nat. Series Eight consists of various miscellaneous printed material containing info on various subjects concerning war. Series Nine contains various military dress insignia from the Eagle Squadron, World War II, and many other wars. Series Ten contains books concerning the Eagle

Squadron and various other subjects. This Series also contains additional books on various aeronautics subjects located in the Special Collections bookshelves and two copies of the book The United States Air Force Report on the Ballistic Missile in the Gimbel Room and stored apart from the manuscript collections.

Keywords and Terms: 1939-1989; World War II; Eagle Squadron Association; Eagle Squadrons; Royal Air Force (RAF); Spitfire aircraft; Hawker Hurricane aircraft; Prisoners of War (POW); Air Raid Precautions Department; aircraft recognition; aviation; military insignia; Finding Aids

Names: Edwards, Wilson; Vanlier, Abraham; Herring, William R; King George VI

Places: Eglinton, England; Germany; Malta; Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina United States; Donegal, Ireland

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PHOTOGRAPHS

BOX 1

Folder 1

- Photograph (color) approximately 7" x 5" cardboard frame of Eagle Squadron Plaque
- Photo (color) approximately 8 x 10" cardboard frame depicting four aircraft in the air. Caption on bottom reads "American Eagle Squadron Reunion Seymour Johnson AFB, May 1987"
- Photo (Xerox copy) of members of the Eagle Squadrons. Also shown are King George VI and the Queen Mum, Oct 1941. Also included is a facsimile of sign-in sheet 71 Sqdn. Circa 1941 and a list of American volunteers to the Royal Air Force departing Canada 27 Sep 41
- Packet of approximately 24 photos 4 x 6", most of them captioned pertaining to numerous aviators, various aircraft and different places mainly in Eglinton England area

SERIES TWO: NEWSPAPERS

BOX 1

Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Newspapers

- The San Diego Union , "Eagle Squadron Men Reminisce on WWII" dated 23, June 1974
- The Gazette Telegraph, dated June 18, 1978
- Colorado Springs Sun, "Eagle Squadrons flew for a cause" Birkhead, Gene, dated 16, May 1982

Folder 3 Approximately 11, 1940's newspapers pertaining to WWII (American, English, and German)

- General Ameiger, dated 23 June 1941 (german) 2 copies
- Daily Express, dated 31 May 1940

- Irish Daily Telegraph, dated 28 March 1945
- Daily Express, dated 12 February 1942
- Daily Mail, dated 31 December 1940
- Daily Express, dated 31 May 1941
- News Chronicle, dated 8 February 1941
- News Chronicle, dated 28 May 1941
- Daily Mail, dated 14 June 1940
- The Stars and Stripes Paris Edition, dated 22 May 1945

SERIES THREE: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

BOX 1

Folder 4

- News clipping titled Visitor Recalls Atmosphere of Strife-Torn Middle East, views of Wilson V Edwards, Colorado Springs Sun, Undated
- "Obituary of Sir Thomas Sopwith" The Daily Telegraph, 28 January 1989
- "Hunters on Trail of Hawker Hurricane" Fox, Robert The Daily Telegraph, 3 January 1989
- "Fighter Ace to Spit Fire if Plane Absent from Airshow," Freed, David Colorado Springs Sun 20, June 1976
- "Pilots leave for Active Service with R.A.F", news article Undated

SERIES FOUR: MAPS

BOX 1

Folder 5

- Map of German Prisoner of War Camps where U.S. Prisoners have been held, Sunday News, dated March 25 1945
- Map titled Malta and Gazo (British), printed in 1934, sheet one
- Map titled Malta and Gozo (British) printed in 1934, sheet two
- Map titled Dunkirk campaign map 10 May to 4 Jun 1940, undated
- Map in German titled Stettin, dated 1937
- Map in German titled Der Nahe Osten (The Near East), also includes smaller map sections of Der Vordere Orient (The Orient), Der Mittelmeerraum (The Mediterranean), Rhodos und der Dodekanes (Rhodes and the Greek Islands), and Zypern (Cyprus) dated 1944
- Map titled Camp 17-B (Xerox copy), undated

SERIES FIVE: PRINTED MATTER

BOX 1

Folder 6

- *Air Raid Precautions Handbook No. 1, "Personal Protection Against Gas,"* printed in London, 1939
- AF Manual 50-13 *Soviet Aircraft Recognition Guide*, 15 Mar 1971

- *A.B.C. of The German Language*, undated
- *Pilots Notes for Spitfire IX, XI, XVI*, Merlin 61, 63, 66, 70 or 266 engine, dated Sep 46
- *Pilots Notes Spitfire VA, VB and VC aircraft Merlin 45, 45M 46, 50, 50A, 50M, 55 or 55M engine and Seafire IB, 116 and III Aircraft, Merlin 45, 46 (except MK. III 50 or 55 engine, dated May 1941 (two copies)*
- *Jose Foa uin Fernandez de Li ardi El Periguillo Sarniento*, Oxford (Rapid-Reading Spanish Texts), 1939
- *Philips' Chart of the Stars*, dated 1942

Folder 7

- Publication titled *Hawker Hurricane*, Dec 1940
- AF Manuel 355-10, *Aircraft Recognition for the General Observer*, dated Apr 1955
- AFB 190-2-2 titled *A Chronology of American Aerospace Events*, dated 18 Mar 1960
- Publication titled *Britain Pays Tribute to Few*, undated
- Publication titled the "Living History Awards," to Americans who shaped the course of our times. Presented by the Research Institute of America at Its Anniversary Dinner, undated
- Publication titled *Great Photographer of World War II* dated 1964

SERIES SIX: PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

BOX 2

Folder 1

- *Fly Past*, two copies, dated Aug and Sep 1988
- *Air Classics*, dated October 1987
- *Main Point*, dated April 1986

Folder 2

- *After The Battle*, 1989
- *Aircraft Recognition*, three copies, Oct 1944, Nov 1944, and Mar 1945
- *Air International*, two copies, Jan 1983 Mar 1985
- *Defense Update International*, 1984
- *Air Enthusiast* August-November 1981

Folder 3

- *The Aeroplane*, dated 30 Sep 1949
- *Aviation News*, two copies , dated 18 Apr - 1 May 1986 and 26 May - 8 Jun 1989
- *Aeroplane Monthly*, three copies, dated Jan 1984, Nov 1988, and Mar 1989
- *Air Pictorial*, two copies, dated Jan
- *Yank The Army Weekly*, dated 22 Jun 45
- *The War Illustrated*, dated 31 Jan 1941

SERIES SEVEN: CORRESPONDENCE

BOX 2

Folder 4

- Letter to Bill from N, undated
- Greeting card from Barb, no date
- Letter to Bill from Nat, dated 31 Jan (no year)
- Letter to Nat from Bill Edwards , dated 14 Mar 87

SERIES EIGHT: MISCELLANEOUS

BOX 2

Folder 5

- Five picture postcards of George Gerwin, Fritton Lake, Irstead Staithe, the Grianan of Aileach Donegal Ireland, and Guinness Extra Stout
- National Registration Identity Card of Vanlier, Abraham
- Ration Book Supplement of Herring, William R.
- Cartoon: This engine is gone to the dogs
- Mail order card for publications titled Image of War
- Poem titled Ode to a SAC/ADC/TAC Wife
- Partial inventory list of some of the items in the collection, undated
- Advertisement for Images of War publications
- Article titled Curragh Internment Camp Tokens, two copies, dated Jan 89

SERIES NINE: INSIGNIA

BOX 2

Folder 6

- Two sets woven RAF wings
- Two Eagle Squadron patches
- Two cloth USA Eagle Squadron? insignia
- Three U.S. brass officer collars
- Nine British RAF Brass Blouse Buttons
- Eleven officer American Eagle e pluribus unum buttons and small bronze Compass
- One British Royal Army Brass Blouse Button
- Four WWII U.S. Army Air Force Prop and Wing collar insignia
- One "German dog tag Stalag Luft I No. 4731"
- One U.S. Major; 1 Cap; and 1 1st Lt. insignia
- Two RAF VR Brass insignia
- One teaspoon w/German Eagle and Swastika
- Edwards name tag, brass key, bird pin, star pin
- SMS 703-Edwards, Wilson V.

SERIES TEN PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS)**BOX 3**

- Haugland, Vern *The Eagle Squadrons*, Ziff-Davis Flying Books, New York, 1979
- Thomas, Evelyn S., *RAF Parade*, John England Publications LTD,
- Sinclair, Archibald. *R.A.F. Parade*, The Sun Engraving Co., Ltd., London and Watford
- Harley, Bruce. *The March Field - 50th Anniversary 1918-1968*, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, Riverside, California
- Budgen and Arct. *Welcome to POW Camp (Stalag Luft One)*, Lithographed in the United States of America, Edwards & Broughton Company, Raleigh, N.C. (Two Copies)
- Armengol, M.H. *According to Plan*, Wadman, Germain & Co., LTD., London, England, Issued by the Home Office (Air Raid Precautions Department), The Air Raid Warning System, London, His Majesty 1s Stationery Office
- Crown Copyright, *Silhouettes, Aircraft of - G.B., Germany, U.S.A.*, 181 pp. Headquarters Army Air Forces, January 1946

The Following Books are on the Special Collections shelves or the Gimbel Room

- Forrester, Larry. *Fly for Your Life*, The Companion Book Club, London
- Crook, D.M., *Spitfire Pilot*, White Lion Publishers Limited, London, Sydney and Toronto
- Kenney, George C. *Dick Bong (Ace of Aces)*, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York
- Greening, C Ross. *Not as Briefed*, Brown Bigelow, St Paul, Minnesota
- Strickland, Harold H. *Ode to Joe*, Copyright, 1985, by Patricia Strickland
- Flack, Jeremy. *Spitfire*, Osprey Publishing Limited, London
- Smith, Sydney. *Wings Day*, William Collins Sons & Co Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London, S.W.I.
- Issued by the Home Office (Air Raid Precautions Department), *Notes on Training and Exercises, Structural Defense and Bomb Resisting Shelters*, London, His Majesty 1st Stationery Office
- Summers, J.K. *Practical Air Navigation*, London, Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., 1934
- Gurney, Gene. *The War in the Air*, Crown Publishers, Inc., New York
- Arct, B. *Prisoner of War*, Webb & Bower Limited
- Strickland, Patricia. *The Putt-Putt Air Force*, Department of Transportation, woe, 116 pp.
- Burhari, ABO-EL-AZIZ. *The Glorious Saudi Era: realities beyond mythology*, Mondial Press
- Cheshire, Leonard. *Bomber Pilot*, Granada Publishing Limited Mayflower Books Ltd.
- Osanka, Franklin Mark. *Modern Guerrilla Warfare, 1962*, The Free Press of Glencoe (A Division of the Macmillan Company), The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company
- Gurney, Gene. *The War in the Air*, Crown Publishers, Inc., NY
- Goldberg, Alfred, *A History of the United States Air Force 1907-1957*, D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey

- Gantz, Kenneth F. *The United States Air Force Report on the Ballistic Missile*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 338 pp. 2 copies in Gimbel room & 1 in special collections
- Simons, David G. *Man High*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1960, 262 pp.
- Knorr, Klaus and Read, Thornton. *Limited Strategic War*, Praeger, New York, 1962
- Toland, John. *But Not in Shame*, New York Random House, Inc., 1961, 427 pp.
- Futrell, Robert F. *The United States Air Force in Korea, 1950-1953*, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 774 pp.
- Glines, Carroll V. Jr. *The Compact History of the United States Air Force*, Hawthorn Books, Inc., New York, 339 pp.
- Chapman, John L. *Atlas*, Harper & Brothers, New York, 1960, 190 pp.
- Boyington, Pappy. *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1958, 384 pp.
- Sunderman, James F. *World War II in the Pacific*, Franklin Watts, Inc., 575 Lexington Ave, New York 22, 306 pp.
- Sokolovskii, V.D., *Soviet Military Strategy*, Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- LeMay, Curtis E. *America is in Danger*, Funk & Wagnalls, A Division of Reader's Digest Books, Inc.

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1941-1947
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APPROX. NO. PGS: 220**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material related to Wilson Edwards' career between the period of 1941-1947. This collection consists of three series divided into 2 folders and the special collections bookshelves. Series 1 consists of one flag in the Hosmer desk. Series 2 contains a book concerning aeronautical field data. Series 3 contains military Insignia from the British, Polish and Russian military.

Keywords and Terms: Spitfire aircraft; field manual; flag; British, Polish and Russian military Insignia; War Department; Finding aids; London, England

Names: Edwards, Wilson

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: FLAG

One large British/Spitfire flag. See box in Hosmer desk

SERIES TWO: BOOKS

ADD 1-BOX 1

Folder 1 *FM5-34 Engineer Field Data*, War Department Field Manual, 30 August 1947

SERIES THREE: INSIGNIA

ADD 1-BOX 1

Folder 2

- One Royal Navy Button
- One Polish Air Force Button
- One Russian 2nd Lt Insignia

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1939-1990
LINEAR FT: 0.1
APPROX. NO. PGS: 80**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains information on World War II between Germany and Britain between 1939 and 1990. This collection consists of three series divided into three folders. Series 1 Folder 1 Newspapers contains four newspapers containing information on the War between Britain and Germany. Series 2 Folder 2 Magazines contains info on various aircraft and the war against Germany. Series 3 Folder 3 Map consists of a campaign map of the 1942-1944 D Day campaign.

Keywords and Terms: 1939-1990; RAF; Battle of Britain; World War II; aircraft; Spitfire; B-17F Flying Fortress; Bf-109G; Thunderbolt; campaign maps; D-Day; bombings over Germany; Finding Aids; Britain; Germany; United States

Names: Edwards, Wilson; Churchill, Winston

SERIES ONE: NEWSPAPERS

ADD 2-BOX 1

Folder 1

- *The Sunday Times*, 9 September 1990, titled "Battle of Britain"50th Anniversary Souvenir Tribute to the Few) articles on RAF against the Germans during WWII.
- *The Daily Telegraph* 16 June 1990 Part One: "A Nation at Bay," Winston Churchill delivers his famous speech and RAFs hits back against the Germans.
- *The Daily Telegraph* June 17 1990 Part Two: "The Critical Month," August 1940 began the start of the offensive of Britain's war against Germany.
- *The Daily Telegraph* June 18 1990 Part Three: "The Unbroken Shield," final installment of a three-part series to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Issue includes London's Burning, Road to Recovery, Make or Break Day, The Blitz, etc.

SERIES TWO: MAGAZINES

ADD 2-BOX 1

Folder 2

- *Images of War, 1939-1945*. Issue covers a campaign "Death over Germany" RAFs bombing targets over Germany, eyewitness watching the Bombs Fall, etc.

- Magazine unknown, section titled "Spitfire: Fighter Supreme," comments on the Supermarine Spitfire aircraft.
- *Aeroplane Month*, December 1989. Articles on various British aircrafts used during WWII

SERIES THREE: MAP

ADD 2-BOX 1

Folder 3 Campaign map (#26), USAAF AT WAR, 20 Feb 1942 to 14 Sept 1944. Titled "Technology of War" information on the B-17F Flying Fortress, Bf-109G, and the Thunderbolt. Campaign map, article on second raid on Schweinfurt, Germany (WWII)

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
 1940-1992
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 APPROX. NO. PGS: 350
 COLLECTION DATE:**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material collected by Edwards concerning the Eagle Squadron Association and its activities between 1940 and 1992. This collection consists of seven series divided into seven boxes. Series 1 contains newsletters for the Eagle Squadron Association. Series 2 consists of material related to the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, general activities of the Eagle Squadron association, official publications and personal artifacts of Edwards relating to his service and war time exploits as a pilot, and Edwards was also involved in getting various Eagle Squadron members to donate their material to Special Collections. So series 2 also contains donor correspondence between Edwards and various Eagle Squadron members concerning collections they donated that contain Eagle Squadron material. The Collections mentioned include SMS 764-Vern Haugland, SMS 766-Clayton Knight, MS 31-Pateman WASP, SMS 73- James Goodson, SMS 734-Cadman Padgett, SMS 731-Morris W. Fessler, and SMS 719-Charles A. Cook. Series 3 contains a single book stored away from the rest of the collection in the Special Collections bookshelves. Series 4 contains technical drawings of various aircraft that the Eagle Squadron flew. Series 5 contained an Altimeter, which is currently missing from the collection. Series 6 contains an oral history video tape of Edwards' war time experiences. Finally, Series 7 contains news clippings relating to the Eagle Squadron of World War II in England.

Keywords and Terms: 1940-1992; World War II; Eagle Squadrons; Eagle Squadron Association; reunions; 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain; Clark Special Collections; donor correspondence; POW; Stalag Luft III; Spitfire aircraft; Knight, Charles; Finding Aids; San Antonio, TX; United States; England; Europe

Names: Edwards, Wilson; Haugland, Vern; Knight, Clayton; Pateman WASP collection; Goodson, James; Padgett, Cadman; Fessler, Morris W.; Cook, Charles A; Edwards, Bill; Tilley, Reade; Cain, Philip

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE NEWSLETTERS

ADD 3-BOX 1

Folder 1 Newsletters, rosters and info on of the Eagle Squadron Association and its reunions from April 1976 to April 1991

SERIES TWO TOPICAL FILES

ADD 3-BOX 1

Folder 2 Master copy of manuscript belonging to Charles A. Cook, "The Long March" tells the story of Captain Charles A. Cook, Jr., of Alhambra, California and how he came home as a former POW in Stalag Luft III Sagan, Germany, via Poland, Russia, Turkey, Italy and North Africa. Includes correspondence, maps of Europe and Ireland, black and white photographs, magazine articles and a typed manuscript, "50th Anniversary, Battle of Britain," written by Dixie Alexander.

Folder 3 Correspondence between Kenny John, Phillip Caine and others regarding his Eagle Squadron activities, photos, news articles, and periodicals belonging to Kenny Y John depicts his Participation in Eagle Squadron endeavors which include the exchange of Royal Air Force Spitfire SL574 and the Eagle Squadron P51D Mustang in April 1989.

ADD 3-BOX 2

Folder 1 Transcripts of Eagle Squadron Association business meetings from 10 May 1986 to 24 September 1989.

Folder 2 Correspondence between Bill Edwards, Reade Tilley, Roy Edwards and others, news articles concerning various subjects such as Spitfires, Boise Bee The Duane Beeson Story, Eagle Squadron monument dedication; newsletters; Programs and newspaper clippings pertaining to the activities of the Eagle Squadron association from 1987 to 1989.

Folder 3 Correspondence between Wilson (Bill) Edwards and many others Concerning the Eagle Squadron Association and its 1990 reunion, 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain; info concerning Eagle Squadron business meetings; Eagle Squadron programs, personal narratives; and news articles.

ADD 3-BOX 3

Folder 1 Consists of correspondence, news articles, and programs pertaining to the Eagle Squadron Association's restoration of a Spitfire aircraft, and the Eagle Squadron Association reunion in September 1989

Folder 2 Planning materials used to put together the Eagle Squadron Association Reunion in September 1989

Folder 3 Transcripts of Eagle Squadron Association business meeting on 12 May 1990

ADD 3-BOX 4

Folder 1 Correspondence, articles, magazines depicts the efforts by Col Edwards to make the Presidential Delegation to the Farnborough Aerospace Exposition to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain a success, August 31 to September 6, 1990. Also includes material on the dedication of the Spitfire aircraft

Folder 2 Written history of the 4th fighter group Personal narrative by James Griffin and correspondence concerning the development of Union Carbside in Kingsman Arizona

Correspondence, articles and a personal narrative written by Dixie Alexander and other material written by or received by Col. Edwards, Secretary of Eagle Squadron Association, concerning the 50th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Britain

Donor correspondence concerning the microfilming and acquisition of the Vern Haugland collection which pertains to the Eagle Squadron. March to December 1990

Donor correspondence for various other Eagle Squadron collections housed within Special Collections. These include James Goodson, the Cadman Padgett, Morris W. Fessler, the Charles a Cook, and the Pateman WASP collections

Personal narrative written by Bill Wheeler and titled "Mission Twenty Four" describing a flight raid in Germany he lead during World War II

Folder 3 Correspondence, pertaining to the Eagle Squadron Association Reunion in San Antonio, TX in Sept 1991

News articles, periodicals, brochures concerning the RAF Eagle Squadron's activities including the restoration of the Spitfire plane

Donor correspondence for various Eagle Squadron collections including the Vern Haugland collection and the Charles Knight collection Correspondence concerning the Bio questionnaires that USAFA Special Collections sent to all Eagle Squadron members when they were designated as the official repository for Eagle Squadron collections in 1990

ADD 3-BOX 5

- Folder 1 Reports, articles, listings, newspaper clipping pertaining to members and meetings of the Eagle Squadron Association for 1991
- Folder 2 Correspondence received by Col Edwards regarding activities of the Eagle Squadron Association from August to November 1991
- Folder 3 Periodicals, photographs and newsletters for Eagle Squadron Association, 1992

ADD 3-BOX 6

- Folder 1 Correspondence, articles, meeting notes of EAS at San Antonio, Texas October 1991, address list of members, depicting the activities of Eagle Squadron Association members, May to November 1992.
- Folder 2 Newsletters, periodicals, correspondence, photographs, brochures and seasonal greetings for holiday season, 1992
- Folder 3 Photograph album consisting of numerous black and white, photos variable sizes, mostly unidentified. Also, contains Wilson's various printed personal artifacts such as ID card, certificates, military orders, supply allowances, and newspaper clipping belonging to or relating to Col. Edwards and his early years with the Royal Air Force.

ADD 3-BOX 7

- Folder 1 Publication titled Air Raid Precautions Handbook No. 2, "First Aid and Nursing for Gas Casualties," printed in London, 1941
- Maps of Limavady, Germany, Jan 1941
- Maps of airfield site plans for Debden, and Biggin Hill in Germany published by Crown Copyright/ RAF Museum, undated correspondence, numerous black and white and colored photos, (variable sizes and mostly unidentified), periodicals and newspaper clippings all relating to Wilson's trip to Europe, summer 1987
- Folder 2 Copies of forms and letter heads used by the Eagle Squadron Association

SERIES THREE: BOOKS

Book is stored on the Special Collections bookshelves apart from the manuscript collections Davis, George J., *The Hitler Diet*, Military Literary Guild, 1990

SERIES FOUR: MISCELLANIOUS MATERIAL

ADD 3-BOX 7

- Folder 3

Plans for the Republic Thunderbolt, drawn by W.A. Wylam, December 1944
Plans for the Spitfire II, drawn by W.A. Wylam, October 30 & Nov. 5 1940

SERIES FIVE: ARTIFACT

Altimeter, Serial No. RO 1068/53, removed from Supermarine Spitfire May 1987 (stipped setting gear). Donated to the Eagle Squadron by Bill Greenwood

Reported missing 5/31/11, still missing as of 7/22/21

SERIES SIX: VIDEO TAPE

Folder 4 Video Tape of Edwards oral history interview titled “Air Combat/ Pilots of Fortune” for the Oral History Program of the Confederate Air Force and Accompanying letter dated 12 August 1992

SERIES SEVEN: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Two news clippings pertaining to the Eagle Squadrons of WWII in England Folder 5 Xeroxed newspaper article titled “Old Spitfire Stirs Nostalgia” by Albon B. Halley Washington Post and Times Herald Jan 2, 1957 Xeroxed newspaper article titled “They Wouldn’t Wait” by Quentin Reynolds, undated

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EDWARDS, WILSON V.
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COLLECTION DATE: 1981-1994

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of Wilson's files related to the Eagle Squadron and their activities between 1981 and 1994. This materials includes correspondence, meeting transcripts, news clippings, and more donor correspondence for various collections including John Roderick Lucas, Leslie Graves, A.J. Botton, and Nat McGlinchey.

Keywords and Terms: 1981-1994; Eagle Squadron Association; ESA Business Meetings; Eagle Squadron Memorial; Mark 16 Spitfire memorial; Finding Aids; Reno, Nevada, United States; St Louis, Missouri, International Aerospace Hall of Fame in San Diego, CA, United States; London, England

Names: Edwards, Wilson V.; Lucas, John Roderick; Graves, Leslie; Botton, A.J; McGlinchey, Nat; Ross, Donald H.; Mason, Earl Wallace

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SERIES ONE: TOPICAL FILES

ADD 4-BOX 1

- Folder 1 Correspondence, photos, newspaper clippings, articles that depict the activities of Eagle Squadron Association members 1992 to 1993.
- Transcripts of ESA Business Meeting at Las Vegas, Nevada, 2 October 1993 and the ESA Business Meeting in St Louis Missouri 27 Sept 1992
- Folder 2 Correspondence between different Eagle Squadron members, captioned photos of various aircraft, newspaper clippings, articles, song lyrics, periodicals, listings and reports depicts the activities of the Eagle Squadron Association members~ late 1993 to August 1994
- Donor correspondence for various Eagle Squadron collections including John Roderick Lucas, Leslie Graves, A.J Botton, and Nat McGlinchey
- Folder 3 Correspondence, articles, personal narrative, and reports depict the activities of the Eagle Squadron Association members, August to December 1994

Transcripts of ESA business meeting Reno Nevada, September 1994

ADD 4-BOX 2

- Folder 1 Correspondence and articles written between 1981-1989 written by or received by Col. Edwards, Secretary of Eagle Squadron Association relating to the obtaining of a Mark 16 Spitfire aircraft from England for a ESA memorial to be installed at the International Aerospace Hall of Fame in San Diego, CA

- Folder 2 Correspondence 1981-1989, drawings technical plans and articles relating to the erection of an Eagle Squadron Memorial monument in London, England

- Folder 3 Correspondence to, and received from Donald H. Ross, Attorney at Law, Carson City, Nevada, 1989 concerning the improper and unlawful use of the "Eagle Squadron" name

- Folder 4 Report of ESA Business Meeting at Reno, Nevada, 16 September 1994

- Folder 5 A single photograph of Earl Wallace Mason dated 1940 Copies of Mason's military and death records. He was killed in a flying accident while serving overseas with 121 (Eagle) Squadron, 15 September 1941

- Folder 6 Miscellaneous correspondence, articles, reports, gathered by Col Edwards during the period, 1981 to 1987 relating to the Spitfire memorial and the Eagle Squadron monument in England copies of various Eagle Squadron emblems and insignia captioned photos, of aircraft and Eagle Squadron members, some dated others not

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
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APPROX. NO. PGS.: 50**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of newspapers and news articles relating to World War II between 1940 and 1995. This collection consists of one box of material divided into three series. Series 1 consists of newspapers between 1940 and 1943 concerning Eagle Squadron and the RAF activities in World War II in Europe. Series 2 consists of undated news articles relating to World War II, a poem, and an obituary of Aidan Crawley from 1993. Series 3 consists of materials such as a cartoon and news articles all relating to World War II.

Keywords and Terms: 1940-1995; World War II; Newspapers; Daily Express; News Chronicle; Daily Sketch; Daily Mail; memorials; Finding Aids; London, England; Germany; United States Arrangement and Description

Names: Crawley, Aiden; Irvin, Michael; Allen, William; Angermayer, Frances

**SERIES ONE: NEWSPAPERS
ADD 5-BOX 1**

Folder 1 *The Daily Express*

- Friday, May 31, 1940
- Monday, April 28, 1941
- Saturday, May 31, 1941
- Thursday, February 12, 1942
- Friday, March 27, 1942
- Thursday, June 11, 1942

Folder 2 *The News Chronicle*

- Saturday, February 8, 1941
- Wednesday, May 28, 1941

Folder 3 *The Daily Sketch*

- Thursday, August 29, 1940
- Saturday, December 13, 1941

Folder 4 *The Daily Mail*

- Tuesday, December 31, 1940
- Monday, December 8, 1941 (2 copies)

Folder 5

- Copy of the German newspaper *General Anzeiger* Montag (Monday), 23, Juni (June) 1941
- Copy of *The Daily Mirror* Tuesday, Dec 23, 1941

SERIES TWO: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

ADD 5-BOX 1

Folder 6

- Copy of "Tunes of Glory" by Michael Irvin from Fly Past June issue
- Copy of "Dutch Family Visit Pilot's Crash Site" by William Allen *The Sentinel* newspaper, October 20, 1994
- Copy of Obituaries from *The Daily Telegraph* Thursday, November 1993. Obituary for Aidan Crawley
- Copy of "Conversion," a poem by Frances Angermayer, *Derry Journal*, 24 August 1949

SERIES THREE: MISCELLANEOUS

ADD 5-BOX 1

Folder 7

- Copy of an announcement released in cooperation with the War Office and the Ministry of Home Office "If the Invader Comes: What to Do - and How To Do It"
- Copy of a cartoon
- Copy of a page from *The Daily Mail* newspaper, undated, containing several articles in reference to W.W.II
- A calendar for 1995 from the Derry Journal

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Updated June 24, 2021
Tawnie Mizer, CJS

**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
LINEAR FT: 0.1
APPROX. NO. PGS.: 50
COLLECTION DATE: 1939-1945**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material depicting World War II in pictures between the periods of 1939-1945. It is contained in a single box divided into two series. Series 1 consists of a single catalogue containing pictures of memorial sites, ships, and aircraft of World War II. Series 2 consists of a single newspaper, *The London Times* (29 September 1945), concerning World War II and depicting some battle sites in England.

Keywords and Terms: 1939-1945; World War II; catalogues; Atlantic Memorial; war memorials; Illustrated London News; Finding Aids; England

Names: Edwards, Wilson V.

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: CATALOGUE

ADD 6-BOX 1

Folder 1 Catalogue titled *Atlantic Memorial - The Foyle and the Western Approaches 1939-1945*. Picture catalog with captions of memorial sites, ships, and aircrafts of WWII. Most of the pictures pertain to American or British memorials.

SERIES TWO NEWSPAPER

ADD 6-BOX 1

Folder 2 The Illustrated London News dated September 29, 1945

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 Updated 7/15/21
 Tawnie Mizer, CJS

**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
 1967-1995
 LINEAR FT: .75
 APPROX. NO. PGS.: 2,000**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material is related to the Eagle Squadron and their activities between 1967 and 1995. It consists of two boxes divided into seven series. Series 1 contains letters between various Eagle Squadron members discussing everything from future reunions to the Battle of Britain. Series 2 contains photographs of Eagle Squadron members and Spitfire aircraft. Series 3 contains rosters of Eagle Squadron pilots. Series 4 contains material related to the Eagle Squadron including newsletters, articles, newspaper articles and maps between 1970 and 1990. Series 5 contains articles relating to Brooks Air Force Base in Texas. Series 6 contains a single print of members of the Eagle Squadron getting their crest. Series 7 contains various newspapers and news articles relating to the Eagle Squadron and its members.

Keywords and Terms: 1967-1995; World War II; Eagle Squadron Association; Eagle Squadron Reunions; Eagle Squadron Memorial; Eagle Pilots; Battle of Britain; Prisoners of War; POWs; Stalag Luft III; Hawker Hurricane; Spitfire; aircraft; aviation; Finding Aids; Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, United States; London, England; Eglinton N. Ireland; Colorado Springs, Colorado

Names: Edwards, Wilson V. (Bill); Edwards, Barb; Tilley, Reade; "Snuffy"; "Cookie"; Mahon, Barry; Clark, General; McGlinchey, Nat; Haugland, Vern

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: LETTERS

ADD 7-BOX 1

Folder 1

- Letter, undated from Colonel Diaz, re: The Valiant Air Command
- Letter, dated 8-8-72 to Pete, from Bill Edward, re: Current developments
- Letter, dated 7 January 1972, to Dick, from Jessie, re: Keep the Eagle Association Strong
- Letter, dated 25 May 1972, to Don, from Mr. Peterson, re: Colorado Springs as Site Selection for the Next Reunion
- Letter, dated 1 June 1972, to Eagles, from Pete, re: Support and Site Selection, two copies
- Letter, dated August 11, 1972 to Bill, re: Getting Things Lined up, attached is notes written on paper with letterhead Fifth Annual National AAU Junior Olympic Championships and rates of rooms on Holiday letterhead

- Letter, dated August 16, 1972 to Don from Bill Edwards re: If Chesley Peterson has written to Don about the Eagle Squadron Reunion, Sept 22, 23, & 24
- Letter on a small sheet of note pad from the desk of Chelsey Peterson to Bill dated 26 July, re: Reunion
- Reunion Forms: To Chaps from Bill Edwards dated 9-11-72, Five copies
- Letter, dated June 29, 1972, from Dixie to Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, re : Jim Boma
- Sheet from a note pad from Mac, no date, just Hi, requesting room reservation
- Letter, dated 9-14-72 from Bill Edwards to Mac, re: Itinerary for the Reunion
- Letter, dated 14 September 1972, to Bill & Barbara, from Edith & Dale, re: A letter of thanks for setting up the reunion arrangements
- Letter, dated 23 Mar 78, to Vern, re: Story written about Wilson V. Edwards
- Letter dated January 3, 1985 to Bill and Barb, from Pat, re: Letter of thanks for, remembering the X-mas season
- Note pad with Marriott letterhead dated 1-31-85 to Bill & Barb from Cookie re: To events that happened in Stalag Luft III during WWII
- Letter" dated 20 January 1986, to Barb & Bill, re: Pete's Cancer
- Letters dated 6-3-86, 3-6-86, 8-5-86, and 7-16-86 to William from Cookie, l"e: General information, receiving pictures, etc., four letters
- Letter dated 29-7-86 from McGlinchey to Edwin, re: Local radio station doing research on the history of military aviation in the northwest of Ireland
- Letter dated 10 August 1986 from Edwin D. Taylor to Bill, re: Letter sent to Mr. Taylor from Mr. McGlinchey
- Letter dated 8-15-86 from Cookie to Bill re: Cookie thanks Bill for sending him the excellent pictures of his London trip
- Letter received 27 Oct 86 to Mr. Mahon, re: Pleasure to have met Mr. Mahon
- Letter dated 8-29-86 to Bill from Cookie, re: Cookie enclosed four pictures taken at the Eglington RAF station
- Letter dated 10 August 1986 from Mr. Taylor' to Chuck, re: Mr. Taylor sent Chuck a letter from Mr. McGlinchey
- Letter" dated 6 Sep 86 from Jim to Bill & Barbara, re: Thanking Bill & Barb for being at the reunion
- Letter dated 9-23-86 from Cookie to Bill, re: Cookie thanks Bill for the two prints of their group that was taken in July 1941. Also Cookie sends Bill a picture which was taken in Eglington
- Letter dated 12-1-86 from Snuffy to Bill & Barbara, re: Memorial Dedication & Reception of the Eagles Squadron in London
- Letter dated 2-15-87 Barry to Wilson V. Edwards, re: Reunion Agenda, attached to letter is a postcard and map of Interstate 40 by Raleigh
- Letter dated 11 - 1-86 to Bill from Cookie, re: Group of pictures sent by Nat McGlinchey
- Letter dated 2 June 85 to Mr. C.A. Cook from Campbell Gunston, re: Research histories of the aircraft with the Memorial Flight

- Letter dated Sept 1986 from McGlinchey to Sir, re: Thanks for sending pictures of the Eagle pilots at Eglinton
- Letter dated 21 Oct 86 from Jim to Charles, re: List of the Top 50 pilots
- Three postcards addressed to Wilson V. Edwards, postmarks 31 Jul 86, 13 Apr 87 and one dated 1-29-86. Postcards Refer to receipt of \$200, British crew will be at the Reunion to make a documentary film for TV about the Eagles and a request in 1983 for contributions to the Eagle Sqdn (postcards are in an envelope addressed to Edwin D. Taylor
- Letter dated 20 Nov 86 from Jim to Chuck, re: Information on Frank Zvakos, Bill Baker, Harold Strickland and the raid on York. Attached is a newspaper clipping article titled DC-3: Around World for 50 Years. Letter dated Dec 3, 76, from McGlinchey to Mr. Cook (attached to newspaper clipping and above letter), subj: Information on Sam, Wilson Edwards, and other close friends
- Letter dated 22 July 76 to Bill from Dixie, re: Fellows in Sqdn 133
- Letter date and sender: unknown, -re: Eagle Squadron Stories, enclosed 25 cents in envelope and address to Reade Tilley, written on Rodeway Inn's letterhead
- Letter, date unknown, written on a yellow sheet of paper, to Bill from Sue, re: Decision to leave Emery
- Letter, date unknown, title Eagle Squadron Association, 2nd Annual Reunion, Nellis AFB - March 15, 16, 17, 1968, to Mr. Blokes, re: Report on the reunion held at Nellis AFB
- Letter dated May 10, 1968, to Eagle, from Colonel Reade Tilley, re: Attached copy of letter from Mr. Art Roscoe
- Letter dated February 3, 1969, to Dear Types, re: Gotten word on the dates on the upcoming reunion
- Letter dated June 26, 1970 to Dear chaps, re: Announcing the 1970 Reunion to be held in Reno, Nevada
- Letter dated 8-16-72, to Don, from Bill Edwards, re: Hi, and about the Eagle Squadron Reunion to be held Sept 22, 23, and 24
- Letter dated Sept 17, 1972, to Bill, from Abie, re: In answering to the upcoming reunion, in which Abie hopes to make the reunion
- Envelope and card both dated 19 Sep 72, card to Pete, re: Sorry to miss reunion this year, signed Brewster Envelope is addressed to Major General Chelsey Peterson
- Letter (4"x 6"), dated 9-20-72 to Mr. Edwards, from N. Moore, re: Reserve a room at the Road House
- Letter" dated 23 Sept 72 to Bill, from Edith, re: Business Meeting
- Letter dated 2-28-69 to Bill, re: Last call for the March Reunion
- Letter written on Hallmark Contemporary card dated 9-28-72 to Bill & Barbara from Chris, re: Thank you note
- Letter dated 4 Oct 72 to Bill, from M/Gen Peterson, re: Thank you for the outstanding reunion

- Letter dated 4 Oct 72 to Barbara and Bill, from Mrs. Douglas E. Booth, re: Thank you for a wonderful weekend.
- Letter dated 9 October 1972 to Barbara, Bill, Steve and Dawn, re: Thank you letter
- Letter dated 15 October 1972 to Bill, from Harold H. Strickland, re: Thank you letter
- Letter dated 24 Feb 73 to Bill, from Mccolpin, re: Thank you letter
- Letter dated 5 Mar 73 to Bill, from Pete, re: Thank you letter
- Letter dated 7 Mar 73 to Bill and Barbara, from Roy and Fern, re: Thank you letter for the picture of the gathering at the reunion, and travel plans for the future.
- Letter dated 10 Nov 81 to Mr. W. Edwards, from Kent Garrett, re: Fan of the Eagles, Conversation with Mr. Haugland, Col Taylor and Mr. McColpin, requesting an autograph from Mr. Edwards
- Letter dated 3 March 1973 to Bill, from the Richdale Company, re: Thank you letter for the snapshot
- Letter dated 4 April 1985, to Bill, from Jim, re: Stalag Luft II reunion
- Letter dated 4-10 - 85, to Bill, from Cookie, re: Thank you letter and information
- Letter dated 5- 29-85 , to Bill & Barb, from Cookie, re: List of Eagle Squadron POWs
- Letter dated 7 Aug 90, to Bill, from Nick, re: Work of Resignation
- Letter dated August 25, 1990, to Wilson V. Edwards, from Tony D' Amato, re: 50th Anniversary "Battle of Britain" Concert Tour 90
- Postcard, postmark 1 Sept 72, addressed to Bill Edwards, from Bert Stewart, re: Will not attend the Eagle Squadron meeting
- Postcard, no dates, addressed to Bill Edwards, from the Maranas, re: Will not attend the Eagle Squadron Reunion
- Preprinted Form Letter 5" x 8" typewritten from Eagle Squadron Association to Wilson
- Preprinted Form Letter 5" x 8" typewritten from Eagle Squadron Association to Wilson Edwards, re: Thank you for being selected as President of the Eagle Squadron Association
- Preprinted Form Letter 6" x 9" typewritten from Barry Mahon, to Wilson Edwards, re: Response on the Memorial Projects
- Letter from Vern Haugland 1-19-83 to Bill and Barb Edwards, re: Thank you for the holiday greetings
- Letter dated Sept 29, 72, from Mr. & Mrs. Roy Evans, to Bill & Barbara, re: A letter of thanks
- Oversize postcard, dated Aug 21, 1969, from the Smithsonian Institution, to Bill Edwards, re: Presentation to the National Air and Space Museum a World War II Hurricane Fighter Plane
- Letter dated February 24, 1983, from Carmi Y. Plaut, to Barry Malone, re: Room Confirmation (Sheraton-Universal Hotel)
- Letter dated March 7, 1983, from Doris Keating (CBS), to Special Attention: Bill Edwards, re: Contribution to the Eagles (attached is a picture of the Spitfire airplane)
- Letter dated March 15, 1983, from Barry Mahon, to Wilson Edwards , re: Solicitation of money for the Eagle Squadron Memorials

- Letter dated March 18, 1985, from Edna & Cookie, to Bill & Barbara, re; Will attend the Ex-POW meeting in Denver
- Letter dated 11 April 1983, from Bill Edwards, to Snuffy, re: Hi and contribution to the memorial fund.
- Letter dated 20 June 1983, writer unknown, letterhead (Dragon Enterprises) to all, re: Graduation. On the back of the letter, Nancy writes to Bill about the reunion
- Letter dated 24 April 1984, from Barry Mahon, to the Eagles, re: Good/Bad news from the Memorial committee
- Letter dated June 13, 1984 from Mac to Bill, re: Cancellation of trip
- Letter dated 9 August 1984, from Bill Edwards, to Seawind International (Sirs), re: Seawind (C-GFNL) four seat Amphibian
- Letter dated May 4, 1983, from Gilbert N. Amelio, to Bill Edwards, re: Donation of money for the Eagle Squadron Project
- Letter dated November 2, 1984, from Snuffy, to Bill, re: Thanks for the 1984-85 dues
- Letter, no date, from Dublin, Calif (Eagle Squadron Association) to Eagle, re: 1980 Address List (nothing is attached to letter)
- Invitation card to attend a Special Premiere by the host Mr. & Mrs. John Freeman, Sunday, October 19th, 8:00 P.M
- Letter dated October 3, 1969 to Dear Types, re: Proposed 1970 Reunion in England
- Letter dated May 22, 1970 to Dear Types, re: Airplane schedule/fares
- Letter dated February 9, 1970 to Dear Types, re: Decision time to finance trip to England
- Letter dated 15 September 1982 to Bill from Jim Gray, re: Hoping to see you at next reunion
- Message dated 4-22-83 to Eagles from Barry Mahon, re: Thanking Gen Peterson and Col Tilley for their help in getting the London Memorial ready to be built
- Postcard dated 12 Apr 83 to Reservations Office, Sheraton-Universal Hotel, re: Confirmation date and rate
- Letter dated 27 Mar 84 to Doug and Alice, from Unk re: Junk in the blood, and Barry Mahon's address. Attached to letter is another smaller letter to Unk from Doug dated
- March 19, 1984, re: Article on health problems. Attached to these two letters is an article from the *The Saturday Evening Post*, April 84 "Arthritis: Are food allergies an answer?"
- Letter dated May 22, 1970 to Types, re: Let's all go to England

SERIES TWO: PHOTOGRPHS

ADD 7-BOX 1

Folder 2

- Four black & white photos 3 1/2" x 5 1/2 " of unidentified members of the Eagle Squadron. One black and white photo of the 133th Eagle Squadron Flight Board
- Two colored photos of two females in each photo, not identified. One colored photo of Bill Edwards
- Eight 8" x 10· black & white group photos (not captioned)
- Two black & white, 8" x 10" photos of Lt Col Wilson v. Edwards, taken 20 Oct 65

- Three black & white, 4" x 5" photos of unidentified Persons
- One colored photo 3 1/2" x 5" of General Clark (center) and two unidentified persons
- One colored photo 3 1/2" x 5" of two unidentified persons and two dogs
- One colored photo 3 1/2" x 5" of a group photo, not Captioned
- Four 5" x 7" black and white photos of airplane show at Peterson AFB, CO, in which three photos has three unidentified persons standing next to the "Spitfire and one photo is the "Spitfire."
- Photos of Spitfire aircraft, pilots and crew, most undated

SERIES THREE: ROSTERS / TRAINING

ADD 7-BOX 1

Folder 3

- Rosters and addressees of the Eagle Squadron Association. Also included is an Ameag Training Roster
- List of names titled Response to Inquiry, with Yes and No Columns
- Eagle Pilots-Prisoners of War Roster

SERIES FOUR: MISCELLANEOUS

ADD 7-BOX 1

Folder 4

- Xerox copy of picture taken of RAF station - Eglinton N. Ireland, May 1986
- Brochure of the different types of aircraft available in oil paintings by Geoffrey E. Lea. Also attached is a short biography of the "Spitfire."
- Small poster 8" x 10" of Old and Bold Pilots
- Magazine article titled "Prime Minister Joins Ambassador Price in Dedication of Eagle Memorial"
- Newspaper article dated May 30th, 1988, published in Britain for all Americans. Article written about former pilots of the Eagle Squadron
- Eagle Squadron Association Newsletters dated 25 April 1969, 22 Jan 73, 25 Jun 76, 17 Jul 76, 29 Sep 76, 30 Aug 77, Apr 80, 9 Feb 81, 1 Mar 81, 27 May 81, 27 Jul 81, 1 Sep 81, 13 Jan 82, 1 Apr 82, 10 Jun 82, 3 May 82, 15 Jan 83, Jan 83, 16 Apr 83, 31 Dec 83, 28 Feb 84, 10 May 84, 26 Sep 84, Royal Canadian Air Force Association (1 May 1990), Category 1 - Members, 2 copies
- Magazine article taken from *The American Legion Magazine*, December 1976, titled "Once They were Eagles, American Pilots Who Flew with RAF Journey Back 36 Years to Britain"
- Newspaper clipping, source and date unknown titled American Eagle Squadron Meets for Annual Convention. Also included is a Xerox copy of the article mention above with some alternations to it
- Blank form titled Eagle Squadron Personnel Data
- Typewritten copy dated 15 December 1985 to All Eagles, Associates, and Friends of ESA, from George B. Sperry, re: Check Back to an old reunion newsletter

- Xerox copy black & white, 5" x 6 3/4" of five unidentified people, woman in center with four males
- Announcement titled WELCOME ABOARD, re: Combat Pilots Association 1986 Reunion, Nov 1, 1986
- One unopened letter addressed to Mr. Wilson V. Edwards, from Dick Alexander; postmark Oct 2, 1972
- Three unopened letters from Mr. Wilson V. Edwards, addressed to BIB/Gen Don Ross; postmark 13 Sep 72, Mr. Eugene Fisher; Sep 72, Mr. Robert G. Patterson; 12 Sep 72
- Twenty Eagle Squadron Reunion Reservations forms for rooms at the Rodeway Inn, Colorado Springs
- Memorandum dated November 9, 1982, to Gen Peterson, subj: Recap and Update London Memorial
- Brochure 8" x 13" titled Battle of Britain, which lists the cast and credits
- Three WWII Fact Sheets, two are titled "Yanks in Ireland," and the other is titled "Two-Ocean Victory: The U.S. Navy in World War II"
- One page 12' x 16' page of picture of an aircraft titled Summer's Memory and Comet in Camera
- Magazine titled *Breakthrough*, The "Breakthrough" Dedication, November 9, 1990
- Brochure titled Battle of Britain - 50th Anniversary. Features a concert with Orchestra and Band
- Brochure titled "50 Battle of Britain – Salute"
- Brochure titled "Battle of Britain - Shepway Festival." 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, 8th-16th September 1990
- Magazine titled *Battle of Britain*, the story of the film
- Two magazines, titled *Aeroplane*, September 1988, and October 1989
- Newsletter, *Ulster Folklife*, Vol. 41, 1995, titled "Base One Londonderry: Derry, the Yanks and World War II" (two copies)
- Brochure announcing Nancy Miluck Candidate as a trustee, for District A, Douglas County School Board
- Xerox copy (medical form) to let Bill Edwards return to Work
- Two reserve seats to attend the invitational premiere *Battle of Britain*, (Orchestra), Sunday, October 19, 1969
- One invitation presented to President Bill Clinton and First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton to Guildhall Square, Derry (Ireland) on Thursday, 30 November 1995
- One 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" card with typewritten itinerary on the Eagle Squadron Reunion
- One 19 1/2" x 29 1/2" fabric banner of the Hawker Hurricane Squadrons
- Magazine article written by Vern Haugland titled The Eagle Squadron Memorial Projects, *Military History Review*, 10 July 1984
- One page magazine article titled "The Errol Flynn Story: Swords to Sex," *San Francisco Chronicle*, 20 January 1985
- One page magazine article with the Obituaries, titled "Wind Cdr Hugh Kennard," *Daily Telegraph*, 24 June 1995

- Memorandum addressed to General Chesley G. Peterson, subj London Memorial Status as of April 12, 1985
- Magazine article Written by Vern Haugland titled “The Eagle Memorial Projects, The Retired Officer, and January 1983
- Newspaper article written by Jerry Kobrin titled Birdman · is soaring again with his "Eagles, *The Register*, Sunday, December 5, 1982
- Newspaper article titled Yanks that died in British skies, date and newspaper unknown
- One page newspaper article from the Observer (England) with a formation of airplanes flying, and the headline is "The Only Man in Town to Turn a Blind Eye to the Few”
- Xerox copy (one page) from the Daily Telegram newspaper 4 Jan 1990 "Air Vice-Marshall George Lott· and 23 December 1989 "Spitfire Pilot's Card from Man he Shot Down.
- Magazine *Aviation News*, 26 October - 8 November 1990 titled "Flypast Over London”
- Magazine *Aeroplane Monthly*, December 1988, titled 'High Fighter, two copies
- Large Newspaper article Evening Standard, Monday, 6 August 1990 titled "A Lover and a Gentleman”
- Flyer dated August 25 August 1990 from Tony D'Amato to Mr. Wilson V. Edwards, re: 50th Anniversary "Battle of Britain" Concert Tour '90, two copies
- One 14 " x 19" diagram drawing by J. H. Clark of an aeroplane "The Focke-Wulf Fw 190A3”
- A narrative of pilot Bill Edwards parachuting from his burning airplane over enemy territory
- Fifteen brochures on "Battle of Britain" Shepway Festival,
- Special Events 8th - 16th September
- Two blank postcards from Alaska, “Summer at Seward” and “waterfront, Juneau
- Financial statement of collections and expenses from the reunion accredited by the Eagle Squadron
- One page calendars for the years 1776 to 2,000
- Western Union Telegram addressed to Bill Edwards from Vic, re: Back from Mexico photograph assignment
- One Philips' Synthetic Maps (Series 4) ASIA, in envelope
- One large 32 " x 42 " map "The Time & Tide Map of the Atlantic Charter”
- One hand-bound folder with miscellaneous items enclosed. Items such as printed matter, eagle roster, handwritten and typewritten, and photos of the Eagle Squadron

Folder 5

- Publication titled Pilot’s Notes Spitfire VA, VB and VC Aircraft dated May 1941
- Article “The Eagle Squadron Association P51-Mustang “The Masterpiece that was Nearly Dumped” dated October 1990
- Map titled “Where the Nazis held our Men in Captivity” January 31 1941
- Booklet titled “Tails of the Mighty 8th” featuring various aircraft tails
- Program for “Eagle Squadron Monument Memorial Unveiling” ceremony May 1986

- Eagle Squadron Exhibit Memorial opening remarks manuscript March 1995
- Proclamation from Douglas County titled a tribute to the Eagle Squadron Association Sept 13-16 2001
- Various articles concerning the Eagle Squadron

SERIES FIVE: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 7-Box 2

Folder 1 Article written on Brooks Heritage Foundation-Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Brooks Air Force Base in Texas, two copies

SERIES SIX: PRINT

ADD 7-BOX 2

Folder 2 Colored print approximately 11· x 14" of the members of the Eagles getting their crest, HQ - Fighter Group, somewhere in England, June 24, 1943

SERIES SEVEN: NEWSPAPER

ADD 7-BOX 2

Folder 3

- Newspapers *The Daily Telegraph*, Editorial Supplement, editions Saturday, Sunday, Monday, June 16, 17, 18, 1990 written about Battle of Britain, published in England
- Newspaper *Los Angeles Examiner*, Wednesday, August 1, 1945, headline news, WAR END! plus additional articles written about the war
- Newspaper *Los Angeles Times*, extra, "Peace Forces Japan Crisis!"
- Newspapers *The SaMoJac*, Santa Monica Junior College, Santa Monica California, Wednesday October 9, 1940 and Monday, September 16, 1940
- Newspapers *Spartan News*, January-February 1944, March 1944, one page dated December 1944, two pages dated April - May 1944. Newspapers published by the Spartan School of Aeronautics and Spartan Aircraft Company. Most of the articles written are about aircraft and pilots during the early 1940s
- Newspaper article "Gathering of the Eagles," *Air Force Times*, June 4, 1984. Brief biography of well-known pilots during that period of time
- Newspaper titled *Derry Journal*, Friday, 1 December 1995, headline news, Welcome Mr. President, Bill Clinton visits Derry, Ireland
- Newspaper insert titled "Monday Woman," June 4, 1984 (*Gazette Telegraph*) article written about Kate Nelligan and Caretaking (Women left to care for disabled husbands)
- Portion of *The Denver Post*, World & Nation, Sunday, September 26, 1982
- Two newspaper clippings, one titled "Battle of Britain" Fails as Worthwhile Movie by Del Carnes and the other clipping titled "World War II Fighter is sold for \$484,000." Dates and sources are unknown

Folder 4 Several newspapers and new articles dated 1940-1990 concerning the Eagle Squadron and the Eagle Squadron memorial

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Tawnie Mizer, CJS

EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1941-1996
LINEAR FT: .6
APPROX. NO. PGS: 2,000

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of material relating to World War II, the Eagle Squadron, and Eagle Squadron aircraft between 1941 and 1996. This collection contains one box consisting of five series divided into four folders. Series 1 contains two books stored away from the rest of the collection on the Special Collections bookshelves. Series 2 contains newspaper articles, advertisements, and personal printed artifacts relating to Eagle Squadron in Ireland. Series 3) Manuscript folder 2 contains a single manuscript relating to Professor Geoffrey Hill and his aircraft "The Tailless." Series 4 contains several obituaries concerning various Eagle Squadron pilots. Series 5 contains a single cassette tape concerning a Sunday of remembrance for the fallen.

Keywords and Terms: 1941-1996; World War II; Eagle Squadron; Spitfire; "Tailless" aircraft; airshows; Battle of Britain; Finding Aids; Derry, Ireland

Names: Bader, Douglas; Hill, Geoffrey; Boyington, Gregory "Pappy"; Pichard, Michel-Andre; Brickhill, Paul; Duke-Wolley, Miles; Galland, Adolf; Kennard, Hugh; Kingaby, Don; Quill, Jeffrey; Sweeny, Charles

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: BOOKS

Stored on the Special Collections bookshelves apart from the manuscript collections

Brickhill, Paul. *Reach for the Sky: The story of Douglas Bader*. The Companion Book Club (Oldham's Press Ltd.), Watford, Herts, 1955

Childers, James Saxon. *War Eagles: The story of the Eagle Squadron*. Windmill Press, Kingswood, Surrey, 1943

SERIES TWO: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 8-BOX 1

Folder 1

- *After the Battle*. 2 issues Nos. 36, 69, Battle of Britain Prints, International Ltd., London

- *Aircraft Recognition*. The Inter Services Journal, Vol.111, No. 3, April 1945
- *The Observer*, No. 8,033, 13 May 1945
- *The Times*, Pgs. 19, 20, 6 March 1996
- *Northern Ireland Tourism Review*, Pgs. 3-6, May 1996
- *The Derry Journal*, Section Two, 17 May 1996
- *Londonderry Sentinel*, 15 May 1996
- *Aviation and Military Books from MCP*, No. 38 - winter 1995-1996. Midland Counties Publications, Hinckley, Leics
- *Images at War: The Real Story of World War II*, Battle of Britain 1 July to 31 October 1940, Issue 2 Vol 1 Marshall Cavendish Ltr., London, 1988-89, 1993-94
- A Campaign Map #2, Battle of Britain, 1-31 July 1940
- "Historic Derry", brochure published by the Heritage and Museum Service, depicting places of interest in Derry Ireland. Undated
- "World War II Exhibition", Advertisement for the World War II Militaria Collectors Association, March 26, 1996, 6 copies
- 1996 Northern Ireland International Air Show, 19 May 1996, advertisement
- "Atlantic Memorial", brochure published by the Derry City Council, undated
- "Ireland" Tourist brochure in German, published by the Derry City Council, undated
- Newspaper article from unidentified paper "Air Station put village on War map." dated 20/8/1958
- "Spitfires on Screen". *Aeroplane Monthly*, March 1996
- "Fighter Squadron". No publishing information, undated
- Advertisement for the 1996 Air Show, at the City of Derry airport, 19 May 1996
- Newspaper article from *The Daily Telegraph*, "Biggin Hill Mess Sold for L1/2m, 24 February 1994
- Article "World Title Fights: Heavyweight", undated
- Article "A Diamond for the Spitfire". *Air Pictorial*, March 1996
- Partial unidentified article from *Aeroplane Monthly*, May 1996
- Two car advertisements from newspapers in 1926

SERIES THREE: MANUSCRIPT

ADD 8-BOX 1

Folder 2 Manuscript pertaining to Geoffrey Hill and his "Tailless" plane the Westland Pterodactyl V, undated. Attached is the obituary of Professor Hill, and photocopied information pertaining to the plane.

SERIES FOUR: OBITUARIES

ADD 8-BOX 1

Folder 3

- Boyington, Gregory "Pappy" January 13, 1988, Pichard, Michel-Andre (on same page) Sept 29th 1989 Daily Telegraph
- Brickhill, Paul April 26 1991, Daily Telegraph

- Duke-Wolley, Miles (2 copies) October 22 1991, Daily Telegraph
- Galland, Adolf May 1996, Aeroplane Monthly
- Kennard, Hugh (2 copies) June 24, 1995 Daily Telegraph
- Kingaby, Don (2 copies) January 3 1991, Daily Telegraph
- Quill, Jeffrey May 1996, Aeroplane Monthly
- Sweeny, Charles (2 copies) March 20 1993, Daily Telegraph

SERIES FIVE: CASSETTE TAPE

ADD 8-BOX 1

Folder 4 A Cassette tape marked Manx Radio “Sunday Focus For Remembrance Sunday”
10th November 1996

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Tawnie Mizer

EDWARDS, WILSON V.
LINEAR FT: 1
APPROX. NO. OF PGS: NONE

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collections contains interviews concerning various Eagle Squadron pilots such as Dusty Miller and Gen. McColpin. This collection consists of one box and one series divided into two folders. Series 1 consists of twelve video tapes on various Eagle Squadron pilots. Tapes 1-6 are contained in folder 1, and Tapes 7-12 are contained in folder 2.

Keywords and Terms: Duxford Air Show; interviews; Finding Aids

Names: Miller, Dusty; Mcolpin, General; Young, Don; Hayes, Ted; Phillips, Trevor; Brown, J.; Campbell, J.; Butten & Cater ground crew; Fox, Phil; Blanding, Leon; Gray, Jim; Rosoe, Art; Kennar, Jane

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: VIDEO TAPES

ADD 9-BOX 1A

Folder 1 Digital copies included

- Tape #0 labeled Hayes Interview
- Tape #0 and 1 labeled Ted Hayes-Phil Fox & Trevor Phillips
- Tape #2 Miluck & Sturdy
- Tape #3 & 4 labeled Leon Blanding-Don Young-Dusty Miller
- Tape #5 labeled Dusty Miller & “Mae” McColpin
- Tape #6 labeled McColpin

ADD 9-BOX 1B

Folder 2 Digital copies included

- Tape #7 labeled Gen. McColpin & J. Brown
- Tape #8 labeled J. Brown & J. Campbell
- Tape #9 labeled J. Campbell
- Tape #10 & 11 labeled Butten & Cater Ground Crew
- Tape #12 labeled Duxford Air Show
- Tape #13 & 14 labeled Jane Kennar Art Rosoe & Jim Gray

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**EDWARDS WILSON V.
 1994-1998
 LINEAR FT.: 1.5
 APPROX. NO. OF PGS.:4,000
 COLLECTION DATE:**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains information on the Eagle Squadron and their activities between 1994 and 1998. It consists of five boxes divided into eight series. Series 1 Contains news articles, meeting transcripts, Eagle Squadron newsletters, photographs, and correspondence between Wilson Edwards and various Eagle Squadron members including Don “Snuffy” Smith and a significant amount of correspondence between Edwards and James Griffin concerning Eagle Squadron activities. Series 2) Newspapers Box 4 Folder 1 consists of several newspapers containing info on the Eagle Squadron International Air Show and the Battle of Britain. Series 3) Books Box 4 Folder 2 consists of field manuals and a church history book. Series 4) Plaque Box 4 Folder 3 consists of a coat of arms plaque. Series 5) VHS Video Box 4 Folder 4 consists of a single VHS documentary tape. Series 6) Magazines Box 4 Folder 5 consists of several aviation magazines for the period of 1996-1998. Series 7) Pamphlets Box 4 Folder 6 consists of several pamphlets centering on Derry, Ireland and aviation exhibitions. Series 8) Photo Album Box 5 contains a photo album of military installations which is currently missing from the collection as of July 22 2021.

Keywords and Terms: 1994-1998; Eagle Squadron Association; Eagle Squadron Reunions; Eagle Squadron business meeting notes; World War II; aviation; museum exhibitions World War II; air shows; Spitfires; Battle of Britain; Royal Air Force; Air Force field manuals; Finding Aids; Derry, Ireland; Colorado Springs, Colorado United States; Reno, Nevada United States

Names: Edwards, Wilson V.; Smith, Don “Snuffy”; Griffin, James; Gilmore, Daniel C

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 10-BOX 1

Folder 1

- Eagle Squadron Association correspondence between various Eagle Squadron members including Wilson Edwards and James Griffin, 1994-1996

- Business meeting transcripts Reno, NV 1994
- *Air Mail* (Journal of the Royal Air Forces Ass.), spring 1994, D.C.O.
- *The Journal of the Spitfire Society* Vol 3 No. 3 autumn 1994
- *Aviation History* May 1995

Folder 2

- Correspondence between Wilson Edwards and James Griffin 1994-1996
- “Brassey’s Spring 1995,” *Aviation History magazine*, May 1995

Folder 3

- Eagle Squadron Association, correspondence between Edwards and various Eagle squadron members including Mr. James Griffin and Don “Snuffy” Smith from 1995-1996
- Newspaper clips concerning various air shows and Eagle Squadron activities during World War II, 1995-1996
- Biographical Accounts of James Griffin and Daniel C Gilmore written by James Griffin
Captioned photos undated

ADD 10-BOX 2

Folder 1

- Eagle Squadron Association correspondence between Edwards and various Eagle squadron member including Mr. James Griffin from 1995-1997 newspaper clips, most undated
- *Pacific Flyer* newspaper “Annual Air Show Just for War Planes”
- *Air Fair '95* magazine: The Historic Reunion of the Spitfire Fighters October 21-22 1995
- *Aviation Illustrated* magazine December 1996
- *Aviation History* magazine, March 1996

Folder 2

- Eagle Squadron Association, correspondence, between Edwards and other Eagle Squadron members 1996-1997
- Photos undated
- *Pacific Flyer* newspaper January 1997
- News articles concerning the Eagle Squadron, 1997
- Rosters of Eagle Squadron members

ADD 10-BOX 3

Folder 1

- Eagle Squadron Association Correspondence, between Edwards and other Squadron members 1996—1997
- Copy of 2 pages of an Operations Log book
- Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Association Correspondence, between Edwards and other Squadron members 1997-1998

- Newspaper articles concerning the Eagle Squadrons
- *Daily Mail* newspaper April 24, 1945
- Obituaries of Elizabeth Mortimer, Michael Balfour, and Joe McCarthy, Eagle Squadron Pilots
- Royal Air Force Pilot's Flying Log Book, John L Brown, 1942 post cards of aircraft and Christmas scenes
- Christmas cards photos of aircraft, uniforms and pilots, including Edwards some captioned and dated others not, from 1997-1998

SERIES TWO: NEWSPAPERS

BOX 4

Folder 1

- Waddington Air Show, June 29-30, 1996
- Waddington '97, International Air Show, 28-29 June
- Waddington '97, International Air Show, 28-29 June
- Wings Of Glory, 26 August 1997
- Bomber County, July 2. 1996.

SERIES THREE: BOOKS

Folder 2

- R.A.F. Biggin Hill by Graham Wallace SPC bookshelves
- Army Air Forces Field Manual, June 16, 1942, FM1-75
- Staff Officers' Field Manual, FM 101-5
- The Meeting House at Tullanee. "A history of Faughanvale Presbyterian Church", by JR White

SERIES FOUR: PLAQUE

Folder 3 The Coat of Arms of the City of Londonderry, presented to The Eagle Squadron Association by The Lord Mayor of the City of Londonderry, NI, October 1996.

SERIES FIVE: VHS VIDEO

Folder 4 "Lest We Forget", a one hour documentary on the men and women of the Royal Air Forces and the individual battles they fought during World War II, presented by Donald Pleasence

SERIES SIX: MAGAZINES

Folder 5

- Aviation Illustrated "The Aviation Art of Douglas Ettridge", August 1996
- Aviation Illustrated "Mr. Starship" Walter "Matt" Jefferies, December 1996
- The Battle of Britain, "Memorial Flight" 1996
- The Agreement, Agreement reached in the multi-party negotiations
- International Air Show, The Gill Airways All Ireland 'Free-style Open'

- Aerobatic Championships, Sunday 19th. 1996
- Fly Past, "Britain's Top Selling Aviation Monthly, February 1998
- Ireland's Own, May 22nd 1998, No. 4,621
- Ireland's Own, October 16 1998, No. 4,642
- Two copies of *News of the World*, Britain's Most Popular Newspaper

Folder 6

- Battle of Britain memorial flight visitor center
- Newark Air Museum 2 copies
- Various Derry Ireland tourist pamphlets
- Air Force Memorials
- Aviation Heritage, International Air Show 1996-1997
- WWII Exhibition pamphlet presented by WWII Militaria Collectors Association
- "Northern Ireland International Air Show 1996"

SERIES EIGHT PHOTO ALBUM

ADD 10-BOX 5

- Black and white photos of Military installations:
- Sunnyvale, CA, Kelly Field, TX, Naval AS Sunnyvale, CA, Wright Field; Langley Field, VA, Airport Lubbock, TX, etc. MISSING AS OF 7/22/21

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Tawnie Mizer, CJS

**EDWARDS WILSON V.
1940-1999
LINEAR FT.: 0.5
APPROX. NO. OF PGS.: 1,000**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of material related to the Eagle Squadron and their activities between 1940 and 1999. It contains one box divided into four series and three folders. Series 1) Books all the books lists are stored separately either in the Gimbel Room or on the Special collections bookshelves apart from the manuscript collections. Series 2 contains Eagle Squadron newsletters and correspondence 1983-1999 between Edward Wilson, John Brown, Edwin Taylor, Jim Gray, Phillip Caine, and many other Eagle Squadron members, discussing Eagle Squadron reunions and other Squadron activities. Series 3 contains photographs 1940-1942 of Eagle Squadron members and aircraft they flew in World War II. Series 4 contains historical reports written by James Griffin on Eagle Squadron history, and other material related to the Eagle Squadron's history.

Keywords and Terms: 1940-1999; World War II; aircraft; aviation; Eagle Squadron Association; Eagle Squadron reunions; Eagle Squadron memorial; historical reports; finding aids; San Diego, California, San Antonio, Texas, United States

Names: Wilson, Edwards; Gray, Jim; Caine, Phillip D.; Brown, John; Griffin, James; Kirchner, Werner R.; Taylor, Edwin

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE BOOKS

Stored in the Special Collections Gimbel Room or the Special Collections bookshelves

The Smithsonian Book of Flight, by Walter J. Boyne

Desert Wings, by Covington Clarke

Men in the Air, the Best Flight Stories of All Time from Greek Mythology to the Space Age

SERIES TWO: CORRESPONDENCE

ADD 11-BOX 1

Folder 1

- Letter to FSA Members and Friends, from Edwin Taylor, 8 Mar. 1983
- Letter to all friends of ESA, from George Sperry, 23 Sept. 1983
- Letter to John, from Jim Gray, 10 October 1983
- Letter to John, from George B. Sperry, 14 Nov 1983
- Letter to John, from Val & Fred Almos, 16 Dec 1983 and accompanying documents concerning the purchasing of ties and buttons
- Letter to John, from Edwin D. Taylor, 15 January 1984
- Letter to Brownie, from Fred & Val, 5 February 1984
- Newsletter 1984 reunion, 28 Feb. 1984
- Letter to Maj. John Brown, from Col. Peter Cotellesse, 23 July 1984
- Letter to an unnamed Eagle from Jim Gray 19 August 1986
- Letter to Bill, from Jim, 9 July 1987
- Letter to Brownie, from Jim, 10 October 1987
- Newsletter No. 2, October 1987
- Newsletter No. 1, January 1988
- Letter to Jim from Danny 26 April 1988
- Newsletter 3-89, 3 April 1989
- Letter to Carroll McColpin, from John A Campbell President Eagle Squadron 8 June 1990
- Letter to John Brown, from Bob Dornan, 12 Sept. 1990
- Newsletter 5-90 Eagle Squadron Association, 17 Dec. 1990
- Newsletter Spring edition, 10 April 1991
- Letter to John Brown, from Philip D. Caine, 22 Nov. 1991
- Letter to John Brown aka “Brownie”, from Philip D. Caine, 2 Dec. 1992
- Newsletter 94-3, 15 Aug. 1994
- Newsletter 95-3 Eagle Squadron Association, 15 May 1995
- Newsletter Eagle Squadron Association, 11 August 1995
- Letter from I.L. Crewe, 22 Feb. 1997
- Letter to James Griffin, from Jim Gray, 10 March 1997
- Letter to Jim, from Jim, 10 April 1997
- Letter to Brownie, from Jim, 31 May 1999
- Letter to Maj. Brown, from Terése Buckley, 16 July 1999
- Biographical account of Daniel C. Gilmore titled “The Youngest Eagle” written by James Griffin

SERIES THREE: PHOTOGRAPHS

ADD 11-BOX 1

Folder 2 29 photos, includes duplicates, and prints of members of the American Eagle Squadron, and photos of aircraft flew in WWII, from the summer of 1940 until the end of 1942

SERIES FOUR: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 11-BOX 1

Folder 3

- Four certificates of authenticity “About the Eagle Squadron”
- Three pamphlets of Recent Paintings by Douglas Ettridge
- Agreement for the trade of P-51 Daircraft, serial No. 44-73415
- Biography (brief) of Colonel. Philip D. Caine
- Eleven copies of Eagle Squadrons 50th Reunion Banquet Address-October 12, 1991, San Antonio, TX given by Philip D. Caine
- Roster of Eagle Squadron Pilots at London Memorial, Grosvenor Square, Los Angeles, October 1983
- Roster-2000 Eagle Squadron Association
- The Eagle Squadron Memorial Projects, (2 copies)
- Air Fair '95 in Scottsdale, AZ, October 21, 22, 1995
- Report titled “A Vanguard of Eagles” by James Griffin (18 pages)
- Report titled “Kingman Turquoise” by James Griffin (6 pages)
- Report titled “The Three Musketeers” by James Griffin (7 pages)
- Report by flying officer Eswin Bicksler, RAF 1st Lt., USAAF KIA Middle East, 18 April 1943
- Report about Sergeant Pilot Norman Richard Chap, RCAF KIA Sidi Barrani, Egypt, 7 Nov. 1942
- Biography of Dr. Werner R. Kirchner, a Spitfire Pilot in Polish Fighter Squadron No. 317 of the British Royal Air Force
- Flyer-Spartan to Honor Eagle Squadron 1928-1998 announcement
- Flyer-Fighter Log, December 1994
- *Pacific Flyer Aviation News*, “Three Times the Fun in A Fokker Triplane,” October 1996
- Letterhead, Eagle Squadron Association
- Plight of the Refugees Map, The Balkans: Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey Macedonia, Greece
- Articles, photocopies of sorted material including Eagle Squadron newsletters, photographs and articles attributing to aviation and the most notable Fighter Pilots of the British and Commonwealth Forces in WWII, the memories, the history and the celebration

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Tawnie Mizer, CJS

**EDWARDS WILSON V.
1976; 1996
LINEAR FT.: 0.1
APPROX. NO. OF PGS.: 100**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a single folder, described below.

Keywords and Terms: 1976; 1996; magazines; "Mr. Starship"; The Volkswagen Story; aviation; Finding Aids

Names: Walter "Matt" Jefferies

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SERIES ONE: MAGAZINES

ADD 12-BOX 1

Folder 1 *Aviation Illustrated* (magazine) "Mr. Starship," Walter "Matt" Jefferies, Vol. 1
No. 4, December 1996

After The Battle (magazine), "The Volkswagen Story," No. 12. 1976

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1948
LINEAR FT: 0.2
APPROX. NO. OF PGS: 13**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a single folder, described below.

Keywords and Terms: Air Training Command; seminars; Fourth Fighter Wing; Strategic Air Command; Finding Aids; Andrews AFB, Maryland; United States

Names: Nuckols, William P.; Taylor, Brig. General

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 13-BOX 1

Folder 1 Transcript of a seminar, from the Air Training Command, held at Andrews AFB, from Col. William P. Nuckols, Director of Public Relations, Department of the Air Force, Master of Ceremonies. Welcoming Remarks by Brig. General Taylor, Commanding General Forth Fighter Wing, Strategic Air Command, 19 July 1948.

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
LINEAR FT: 0.1
APPROX. NO PAGES: 10**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a single folder, described below.

Keywords and Terms: chronologies; aviation; contributions and achievements;
Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame

Names: Edwards, Wilson V

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 14-BOX 1

Folder 1

Chronology of Aviation Contributions & Achievements: definitive reasons for Wilson V.
Edward's selection and induction to the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1945-1990
LINEAR FT: 0.3
APPROX. NO. PAGES: 100**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material on Eagle Squadron members abroad particularly in Burma, Pakistan and Jordon during the time period of 1945-1990. This collection consists of one box divided into six series. Series 1 contains news articles centered on Eagle Squadron members and groups particularly Eagle Squadron's No. 71 and 121 and USAAF's 4th Fighter group. Series 2 contains two letters concerning Eagle Squadron members and the escape from Germany. Series 3 contains rosters of Eagle Squadron pilots and U.S. military mission members. Series 4 contains excerpts of speeches made by the president of Pakistan in 1959. Series 5 contains three photographs of different hotels in Saudi Arabia and Jordon. Series 6 contains different tourist material such as a city map and a phone directory for the countries of Jordan and Yemen.

Keywords and Terms: Eagle Squadron; Eagle Squadron No. 71 & 121; USAAF's 4th Fighter group; U.S. Military missions abroad; Eagle Squadron pilots; Finding Aids; Middle East; Jordan; Yemen; Saudi Arabia; Pakistan

Names: President of Pakistan, Khan, General Muhammad Ayub; Oliver, Mr. Jack; Blakeslee, Don; Mountbatten, Louis Lord; Dornan, Robert K. Congressman; Edwards, Wilson V.

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 PRINTED MATERIAL

ADD 15-BOX 1

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| Folder 1 | Newspaper Daily Mirror Articles on Lord Louis Mountbatten of Burma. Tuesday, August 28, 1979 |
| Folder 2 | Periodical titled The Military Advisor, The Gathering of Eagles, By Roger James Bender |
| Folder 3 | Articles: Royal Air Force, Eagle Squadron No.71, Fighting Eagles No. 121, Eagle Squadron No. 133, By Andrew Thomas |

Folder 4 Article: titled Tunes of Glory, Legend of a piano playing flying ace, by Michael Irvin

Folder 5 Article: "Leader of the Debden Eagles," Don Blakeslee commanded the USAAF's 4th Fighter Group, the successor of the RAF Eagle Squadrons

SERIES 2: CORRESPONDENCE

ADD 15-BOX 1

Folder 6 Letter dated August 18, 1986, to Mr. Jack Oliver from Lloyd R. Shoemaker, Pertaining to attached ex-report No. 639, Escape from Germany, Captain Jack W. Oliver, 93rd Ftr. Sq., and 81st Ftr. Gp

Folder 7 Letter dated August 3, 1990 to Col. Edwards from Robert K. Dornan, U.S. Congressman

SERIES 3: ROSTERS

ADD 15-BOX 1

Folder 8 Three roster sheets from U.S. Military Mission Moscow, dated April 11, 1945

Folder 9 Eagle Squadron Pilots, Top fifty: ops hrs. Squadron 71, 121, 133

SERIES 4: SPEECHES

ADD 15-BOX 1

Folder 10 Extracts from speeches made by General Muhammad Ayub Khan, President of Pakistan. Printed by Superintendent, Government Printing, West Pakistan, Lahore 1959

SERIES 5: PHOTOGRAPHS

ADD 15-BOX 1

Folder 11

- Sahari Palace Hotel-Riyad
- Sahari Palace Hotel-Riyad
- Temple Gate-Jerash-Jordan

SERIES 6: MISCELLANEOUS

ADD 15-BOX 1

Folder 12

- City of Sanaa Yemen, Arab Republic: Index Map with phone directory, Arabic vocabulary in brief
- Invitation to King Faisal's banquet at Tabuk in October 1973
- Hotel receipt from Amman. Dec. 1973
- Departure card for non-Jordanians

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**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1939-2003
LINEAR FT: 1.5
APPROX. NO. PGS: 5,000**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material collected by Major Donald Young and Wilson Edwards concerning their military careers and the Eagle Squadron between 1939 and 2003. This collection consists of 5 boxes and 1 additional folder stored separate from the boxes but with the boxes and arranged into eight series. Series 1 Printed Materials is for use by Cadets and DOD officials only. Series 1 consists of aircraft aviation manuals collected by Major Donald Young, during his military and civilian career. This series also contains several books that are stored in the Special Collections bookshelves or the Gimbel Room. Series 2 consists of aviation magazines collected by Major Donald Young, during his military and civilian career. Series 3 contains materials collected by Major Donald Young during his military and civilian career. Series 4 consists of 3 notebooks of correspondence pertaining to the Eagle Squadron Association, collected by Col. Edwards. Series 5 consists of, 2 maps. 1 depicting Europe at the height of its power in 1942, and the other a tourist map of the different air fields in England. Series 6 consists of a color photograph of the Control Tower at Englington Field, and a color photograph of a cruise ship, "The World." Series 7 consists of one video cassette made during the National Aviation Hall 41st Annual Enshrinement Ceremony, 20 July 2002. Series 8 is stored in a separate folder with the boxes but not in a box. It consists of a print of the Spitfire flown by 2nd Lt. Don Gentile during the time he flew for the Eagle Squadrons in World War II.

Keywords and Terms: aircraft training manuals; B-17; B-26; B-25; B-29; C-47; P-40; P-51; Spitfire; Eagle Squadrons; pilot training manuals; aviation; aircraft; aerial navigation; AAF Office of Flying Safety; Headquarters Army Air Forces; Commanding General, Army Air Forces; U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration; Finding Aids; England; United States

Names: Edwards, Wilson V.; Young, Donald Major; Gentile, Don; Tullis, Thomas A.

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1: PRINTED MATERIAL

ADD 16-BOX 1

AAF Regulation No. 62-15 Pilot's Information File. Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington D.C. November 24, 1944. Anderson, N.O. *Pilots' Airplane Manual.* U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. September 1940.

Commanding General, Army Air Forces. *Pilot's Handbook for Army Models AT-6D, AT-6F, Navy Model SNJ-5, SNJ-6, British Model Harvard III Airplanes.* Fort Wayne, IN. 17 October 1945.

Cram, Jack R. and Daniel J. Brimm, Jr. *Civil Pilot Training Manual.* U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Division, Washington D.C. September 1940.

Haynes, B.C. *Meteorology for Pilots.* U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. January 1943.

Headquarters AAF Office of Flying Safety. *Pilot Training for the B-25.* Con. P. Curran Printing Co., St Louis, MO. 24 April 1945.

Headquarters AAF, Headquarters, AAF, Office of Flying Safety. *The B-29: Airplane Commander Training Manual for the Superfortress.* Mendle Printing Company, St. Louis, MO. 21 October 1944.

Headquarters, AAF, Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff Training. *Pilot Training Manual for the Mustang P-51.* Keller Crescent, Co. Evansville, IN. 28 November, 1944. *Instructors' Syllabus: Basic Instrument Flying.* Commanding General Army Air Forces. 15 December, 1944.

Instrument Flying, Advanced Instructors' Syllabus: Radio Range-Radio Compass. Commanding General Army Air Forces. 15 March, 1944.

Instrument Flying: A.A.F. Instrument Approach System. Commanding General of Army Air Forces. Courier-Journal Ptg. Co. Louisville, KY. January 1945. (2 copies)

Instrument Flying: Instrument Trainer. Special Edition. Commanding General Army Air Forces. 1 August, 1943.

Jones, Bradley. *Aerodynamics for Pilots*. U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. September 1940.

ADD 16-BOX 2

Lyon, Thoburn C. *Practical Air Navigation*. U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. September 1940.

Lyon, Thorburn C. *Practical Air Navigation and the Use of the Aeronautical Charts of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey*. U.S. Department of Commerce, Coast and Geodetic Survey. Washington D.C. 1939.

Nichols, Reeder G. *Pilots' Radio Manual*. U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. September 1940.

Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training. *Pilot Training Manual for the B-17 Flying Fortress*. New Era Litho, NY. 1944.

Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training. *Pilot Training Manual for the B-17 Flying Fortress*. Revised AAF Office of Flying Safety May 1945.

Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff Training. *Pilot Training Manual for the C-47*. 11 January, 1945.

Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff Training. *Pilot Training Manual for the B-26*. Keller Crescent Co, Evansville, IN. 21 December, 1944.

Pilot Training Manual for the P-40. Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Training. Washington D.C. (Undated)

Pilot's Handbook for the P-51 Mustang. No publishing Information.

ADD 16-BOX 3

Shedenhelm, L.E. *Pilots' Powerplant Manual*. U.S. Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington D.C. October 1940.

Wheeler, Carlton L. C.A.A. *Flying Questions: Aerial Navigation: Examination Questions and Answers*. Carlton L. Wheeler, Penn Yan, NY. June 1945.

Air Cadets: The Next Generation event folder containing a commemorative program for Operation D-day 60 and a Daily Mail news article dated September 21, 2004

SERIES 1: Additional Materials

The following books are stored in the Special Collections Gimbel Room or on the Special Collections bookshelves apart from the rest of the collection

Armstrong, Anthony & Raff. *Prune's Progress*. Herbert Jenkins, Ltd., London. SPC Gimbel Room processing

Burlingame, Roger. *General Billy Mitchell*. Signet Books, McGraw – Hill Book Company, Inc. New York, NY. 1952. SPC Gimbel Room

Evans, Creed M. M.D. *The Youngest Eagle*. Creed M. Evans, M.D. 2000 (W/D) SPC Collections bookshelves

Hammell, Eric. *Aces against Germany*. Pocket Books, New York, NY. 1995. (W/D) 2 copies in SPC bookshelves earlier edition titled "Aces at War", 1992

Jensen, Oliver, Lt. USNR. *Carrier Wars*. Pocket Books, New York, NY. 1945. SPC Gimbel Room

Lamerson, John D. *The Phantom of Ben Het*. Lamerson Publishing Co. Colorado Springs, CO. 2001. 2 copies SPC bookshelves

Lindbergh, Anne Morrow. *Gift from the Sea*. Vintage Books, Random House Publishing Co., New York, NY. 1955 SPC Gimbel Room

SERIES 2: MAGAZINES

ADD 16-BOX 3

Folder 1 *Aeroplane*. Vol. 30, No. 7, Issue No. 351. IPC Media Ltd., London. July 2002.

Air Classics. Vol. 38, No. 9. Curtis Circulation Company, New Milford, NJ. September 2002.

Air Progress. Street & Smith Publications, Inc. New York, NY. Fall 1961.

Air Trails. Vol. X, No. I. Street & Smith Publications, New York, NY. April 1938.

Aviation Illustrated. Vol. I, No. 2. Vector Publishing Group, Summerland CA. August 1996.

Aviation Week & Space Technology. Vol. 81, No. 14. Aviation Week & Space Technology, Hightstown, NJ. 5 October, 1964.

Delta Digest. Vol. XXXVIII, No. 4, Delta Airlines, Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA. April 1979.

Fly Past. 8th Air Force, Fields of Glory. Key Publishing Co. Undated.

Historic Aviation. St Paul MN. Autumn 2002.

National Aviation Hall of Fame Newsletter. Vol. 41, No 1. The National Aviation Hall of Fame, Dayton OH. 2002.

National Aviation Hall of Fame, 41st Annual Enshrinement. 20 July, 2002.

Air Classics. Vol. 39, No. 2. Curtis Circulation Company, New Milford, NJ. February 2003.

The Words and the Man. The Winston Churchill Memorial and Library. Westminster College, Fulton, MO. (Undated)

Wings. Republic Press, Vol. 32, No. 5. Woodland Hills, CA. October 2002

World Air Events 2002. Air Pictorial, April 2002

SERIES 3: NEWSPAPERS

ADD 16-BOX 3

Folder 2 *Daily Express*. No. 12,487. Thomas Hedley & Company Ltd., London, 31 May, 1940.

Several RAF News newspapers dated January 9 2004-March 19 2004

SERIES 4: CORRESPONDENCE

ADD 16-BOX 4

Folder 1 Correspondence, 2000

Folder 2 Correspondence, 2000

ADD 16-BOX 5

Folder 1 Correspondence, 2001

SERIES 5: MAPS

ADD 16-BOX 5

Folder 2 Europe at the height of AXIS POWER, October 1942. George Philip & Son, Ltd. 1976

USAAF Airfields Map official souvenir map for England published by East of England Tourist Board Toppesfield Hall, Hadliegh Suffolk, England, undated

SERIES 6: PHOTOGRAPHS

ADD 16-BOX 5

Folder 3 8.5 X 11" color photograph of Eglinton Control Tower, undated.

5 X 7" color photograph of Cruise ship "The World," August 18, 2002.

SERIES 7: VIDEO

ADD 16-BOX 5

Folder 4 41st Annual Enshrinement Ceremony Eagle Squadron, 20 July, 2002.

SERIES 8: ARTWORK (Stored with collection but in a separate folder)

Folder 1 Color print of Spitfire belonging to 2nd Lt. Don Gentile, 336th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Group, Dedben England, October 1942. By Thomas A. Tullis, 2002

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Updated 7/20/21
Tawnie Mizer, CJS

**EDWARDS, WILSON V.
1940-2008
LINEAR FT: 3.3
APPROX NO. PGS: 10,000**

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This Collection contains material on Col. Edwards' military career, his nomination into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame, and his involvement in the Eagle Squadron from 1940 to 2008. The collection consists of 10 boxes organized into 6 series. Series 1 consist of notebooks, newsletters, and business meeting minutes that were written and collected by Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards after his service with the RAF Eagle Squadron during WWII between 1994 and 2007. Series 2 consists of correspondence, newsletters, newspaper articles, magazine articles, and pictures detailing information about RAF Eagle Squadron members, reunions and the Battle of Britain between 2000 and 2008. Series 3 consist of the 201 File notebook on Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards and his service with the RAF Eagle Squadron including many personal documents such as military orders, draft card etc. between 01942 and 1963. Series 4 consists of a notebook containing nomination letters, nomination into the Colorado Hall of Fame, chronology of aviation Contributions and Achievements, the recognition of contributions and achievements, nominee's aviation related background and credentials, nominee's non-aviation related background and credentials, supporting documents and exhibits, and photographs between 1940 and 2001. Series 5 consists of VHS tapes and DVDs on members of the RAF Eagles Squadron, Reunions of the Eagles Squadron, and Hollywood movies that depict The Battle of Britain and the RAF Eagle Squadron. Series 6 consists of poems, of magazines, brochures, and drafts of a book called *Norway*.

Keywords and Terms: World War II; Eagle Squadron Association; Eagle Squadron Association Reunions; RAF Eagle Squadron; Battle of Britain; military records 201 file; Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame; National Aviation Hall of Fame; Duxford Air Show; Spitfire; Finding Aids; Norway; Colorado Springs, CO, United States; Minden, Nevada, United States; London, England

Names: Edwards, Wilson V.; Revelle, Gerald (Jerry); Baylis, Trevor

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SERIES 1: ESA NOTEBOOKS

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- Folder 1 ESA Notes and Notebook, January 1, 2000-July 2002

- Folder 2 ESA Notes, July 2002-December 2003

- Folder 3 ESA Notes, January 2004-November 2007

- Folder 4 ESA Business Meeting Minutes, 1998-2002

- Folder 5 Eagle Squadron Association Newsletters, 1994-2002

SERIES 2: EAGLE SQUADRON NOTEBOOKS

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- Folder 1 35th Annual Eagle Squadron Association Reunion Notebook, September 13-16, 2001, Minden, Nevada (1st Half 2001-2002)

- Folder 2 35th Annual Eagle Squadron Association Reunion Notebook, September 13-16, 2001, Minden, Nevada (2nd Half 2001-2002)

- Folder 3 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2002-2003 (1st Half)

SERIES 2: EAGLE SQUADRON NOTEBOOKS

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- Folder 1 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2002-2003 (2nd Half)

- Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2004 (1st Half)

- Folder 3 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2004 (2nd Half)

SERIES 2: EAGLE SQUADRON NOTEBOOKS

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- Folder 1 Eagle Squadron Notebook, January 2005-January 2006 (1st Half)

- Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Notebook, January 2005-January 2006 (2nd Half)

- Folder 3 Battle of Britain Notebook, 2006

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- Folder 1 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2006 (1st Half)

Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2006 (2nd Half)

Folder 3 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2007 (1st Half)

ADD 17-BOX 6

Folder 1 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2007 (2nd Half)

Folder 2 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2008 (1st Half)

Folder 3 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 2008 (2nd Half)

SERIES 3: MILITARY RECORDS

ADD 17-BOX 7

Folder 1 Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards 201 File 1942-1963

SERIES 4: COLORADO AVIATION HALL OF FAME

ADD 17-BOX 7

Folder 2 Wilson V. (Bill) Edwards Notebook, Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame 1940-2001

SERIES 5: VIDEOS

ADD 17-BOX 8

Alex Kershaw. The Few, the American “Knights of the Air,” Who Risked Everything to Fight in the Battle of Britain (CD Book)

The Eagle Squadron, Friends of the American Fighter Aces, May 5, 2002 (VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

35th Eagle Squadron Reunion, Friends of The American Fighter Aces, September 15, 2001 (2 copies, VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

EVADÉ, Evasion Experiences of American Aircrews in World War II, Friends of the Air Force Academy Library and The Air Force Escape and Evasion Society, 2004 (DVD)

Yanks in the RAF, War Stories with Oliver North, Fox News Channel (VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

VHS Tape with no markings or identification

ADD 17-BOX 8A

Harold Stewart with Eagle Squadron, October 2, 1998 (VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

American Fighter Aces Association (VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

Eagle Squadron Reunion, 1992 (VHS). Digitized copy on DVD included in box

Memorial Dedication, A.F. Museum Dayton, Ohio, September 6, 2002 (VHS).
Digitized copy on DVD included in box

Eagle Squadron Film Footage, Hard to Find Military History Videos (VHS).
Digitized copy on DVD included in box

Lest We Forget, Presented by Donald Pleasence (VHS)

SERIES 5 VIDEOS

ADD 17-BOX 9

Eagle Squadron, Traditions Military Videos, To Bill Edwards from Tim Kirkup (DVD)

Spirit of Flight, Eagle Squadrons, National Aviation Hall of Fame, July 19, 2002 (VHS + Digital Copy)

The Spartan Legion (VHS + Digital Copy)

Birds of a Feather, "Eagle Squadrons" (2 x VHS + Digital Copy)

Spitfire, Alpha Video (VHS + Digital Copy)

Flying Legend, Air Show 2006 Duxford (DVD)

BG Archie Higdon & Col. Alphonse Miele 15 Nov 1979, 15 Nov 1979 (Reel to reel + Digital Copy)

The Great Escapes of WWII Special Collector's Edition, The History Channel (2 VHS)

ADD-17-BOX 9A

Flying Legends, Europe's Greatest Warbirds Airshow, Air Show 2008 Duxford (DVD)

Flying Legends Air Show 2006, Duxford (DVD)

Eagle Squadron 41st Annual Enshrinement Ceremony, National Aviation Hall of Fame, July 20, 2002 (2 x VHS + Digital Copy)

Eagle Squadron San Diego, September 29, 2002 (VHS + Digital Copy)

Churchill (VHS)

War Stories with Oliver North: The Life and Times of Winston Churchill (DVD)

SERIES 6 PRINTED MATTER

ADD 17-BOX 10

- Folder 1 *Articles of Interest poems, by Trevor Baylis*

- Folder 2 *Excerpts from book *Norway*, by Gerald (Jerry) Revelle and accompanying letter from author to Wilson Edwards dated May 2, 2003*

- Folder 3 *Thanks for our Future, Second World War 60th Anniversary Edition (2 copies)*

- Folder 4 *Salute to the Few, the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, September 15, 2005, RAF Northolt*

- Folder 5 *Britain at War, Issue 20, December 2008*

- Folder 6 *RAF the Official Magazine, Issue 5, summer 2005*

- Folder 7 *Flight Journal, Spitfire, summer 2005 100 Years of Flight, The Wright Stuff*

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material from Edwards's time in the Eagle Squadron and material from his time working at Lockheed Martin, during which, he was stationed in Yemen and Saudi Arabia between 1993 and 2008. This collection consists of 3 boxes organized into eight series. Series 1 consist of a series of spiral notebooks dated from 1995 to 1997 pertaining to the EAS and Camp Holabird, Maryland that were written by Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards. Series 2 consists of pamphlets, cartoon drawings, newspaper articles, correspondence, and photographs concerning the 1995 July 15-16 Duxford Airshow. Series 3 consists of correspondence, newsletters, newspaper articles, magazine articles, and pictures detailing information about RAF Eagle Squadron members and reunions during 1999. Series 4 consists of five scrapbooks detailing the time that Lt. Col Edward V. Wilson spent in Saudi Arabia and Yemen working for Lockheed Martin. Series 5 contains colored photographs that depict the old RAF Eagle Squadron Air Station/Base as well as monuments and memorials dedicated to RAF Eagle Squadron Members. Series 6 consists of different maps Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards collected during his stay in Saudi Arabia. The maps consist of Middle Eastern countries and cities. Series 7 consists of magazines, pamphlets, newspapers, bulletins, and journals dealing with countries in the Middle East and Europe, and articles on the Spitfire Airplane, American Red Cross, and the Airman Museum in Great Britain. Series 8 consists of a single flight computer collected by Lt. Col Wilson V. Edwards.

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SERIES 1 ESA NOTEBOOKS

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Folder 1 ESA Notes, 1995-1997

Folder 2 Camp Holabird Officers Club, Baltimore, Maryland

Headquarters Counter Intelligence Corps Center, Camp Holabird, Baltimore,
Maryland

The First Recorded Efficiency Report in the Files of the War Department, August
15, 1813

SERIES 2: AIRSHOW

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Folder 3 Airshow, RAF Eagle Squadron special guests, 1995

SERIES 3: EAGLE SQUADRON NOTEBOOKS

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Folder 4 Eagle Squadron Notebook, 1999 (1st Half)

Folder 5 Eagle Squadron Notebooks, 1999 (2nd Half)

SERIES 4: SCRAPBOOKS

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Folder 1 Scrapbook of Yemen consisting of captioned photos and other items from his time
there when he worked at Lockheed Martin, by Lt. Col Wilson Edwards, undated

Folder 2 Scrapbook of Saudi Arabia, consisting of photographs undated by Lt. Col Wilson
Edwards

Folder 3 Scrapbook of Saudi Arabia, consisting of photographs undated by Lt. Col Wilson
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Folder 1 Scrapbook of Saudi Arabia, consisting of photographs undated by Lt. Col Wilson
Edwards

Folder 2 Scrapbook of Saudi Arabia, consisting of photographs undated by Lt. Col Wilson
Edwards

SERIES 5: MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Folder 3 Miscellaneous Colored Photographs of the old RAF Eagle Squadron base in
England and memorial to the Eagle Squadron members, undated

SERIES 6: MAPS

ADD 18-BOX 3

Folder 4 Jeddah City Map, Saudi Arabia (2 copies) Middle East, World Travel Map,
1:4000000
Map of Jordan

Welcome to Jordan Information Book

Riyadh Map, 1971

SERIES 7: PRINTED MATTER

ADD 18-BOX 3

Folder 5 *The Yemen Arab Republic*, British Overseas Trade Board Hints to Businessmen

On Stage, Complete Show and Sketches for use Extensively by The American Red Cross in Overseas Areas where United States Troops are Stationed, The American National Red Cross, Washington D.C.

Logistics Data Brochure, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon

The American Air Museum in Britain, Official Opening Ceremony, by Her Majesty the Queen, August 1, 1997

The Battle of Britain, Memorial Flight, 1995

Island Visitor, the Magazine of the Isle of Man, Steam Pocket Company, 1997

The Retired Officer Magazine, June 1999

Folder 6 *RAF News*, "Most Precise Air Strikes in History," July 25, 2003

RAF News, "Helicopter Force Fights Firestorm," August 8, 2003

RAF News, "RAF Medics Rapid Reaction," August 22, 2003

RAF News, "Hercules Support UN Congo Force," September 5, 2003

RAF News, "Tornados Move In," September 19, 2003

RAF News, "Caught In the Path of Isabel," October 3, 2003

RAF News, "Pilot Decorated For Courage under Fire," October 17, 2003

Folder 7 *Stars Over the Reich*, Eighth Air Force, Vol. 1, No. 14, January 13, 1945

Air Cadet, July-August 2003

Fury in the Sky, Scorpion in Operation Genie Fires First Atomic

Air-to-Air Rocket, by Aireporter

Your Hub Newspaper, "Royal Memories," September 4, 2008

Your Hub Newspaper, "Local WWII Vet Talks About Time as P.O.W.,"
September 18, 2008

Air Force Magazine, "Celebrating 100 Years," winter 2008-2009

SERIES 8: ARTIFACTS

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Folder 8 One dark green MB8 Flight Computer and Case