

**MANNING****Papers of Air Cdre F J Manning, CB, CBE (1912-1988)**

Air Cdre Frederick John Manning was born on 5 May 1912, and began his career as a cadet with the Peninsular and Orient Steam Navigation Company in 1928. He was appointed Midshipman in the RNR, 1929 and pilot officer in the RAF in 1934.

Between 1935-1936 he commanded RAF Bridlington, and in 1937 joined No 269 (GR) Squadron as a flight commander. During the early years of WWII he held a series of staff appointments, before being posted to the Air Ministry as head of Organisation and Establishments 4. Later he became Deputy Director Organisation (Establishments) on promotion to Group Captain and was a member of the Middle East Establishment Committee and its North African counterpart, before his appointment as DO (Establishments) in Aug 1944.

From 1947-1948 he was Group Captain, Organisation at RAF HQ in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and from 1949-1952 Senior Air Adviser and departmental Head of British Services Mission in Burma. His later career included posts as Air Officer, Administration at HQ Near East Air Force, 1963-1965, and at HQ Fighter Command, 1956-1967.

The collection includes the flying log books used by Manning throughout his career, and papers relating to his work as commanding officer, RAF Bridlington where one of the airmen was Aircraftman T E Shaw, previously known as T E Lawrence.

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| 1   | 1920-1924                   | Official papers on the subject of Air Council powers to regulate the Air Force Establishments following the expansion of the RAF, including precis of letters between the Air Ministry and Treasury, 1920-1922 and text of informal discussion held on 28 Oct 1924 between the above. 14pp |
| 2   |                             | Flying log books, standard RAF issue, kept by Manning throughout his career, and photographs relating to the RAF.  |
| 2/1 | 1933 Dec 12-<br>1934 May 15 | Log book, Manning as a passenger on each flight recorded. Details include name of pilot, date, time, course and height of flight, and aircraft type. 1 vol   |

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- 2/2        1936 May 18-  
          1938 Nov 28        Log book, Manning as passenger and pilot at the Civil Flying School in Brough, and at Peterborough and Abbotsinch. Details include name of pilot, date, time, course and height of flight, and aircraft type. 1 vol
- 2/3        1938 Dec 2-  
          1958 Dec 31        Log book, including name of pilot, date, time, course and height of flight and aircraft type. With record of service, giving unit and date, 29 Sep 1933-23 Feb 1956. 1 vol
- 2/4        1930s                    Photographs, all uncaptioned, including a group photograph taken on an airfield, a NAAFI mobile canteen truck, and an air traffic control tower. 3 photographs
- 3        Papers relating to Manning's work at the Marine Craft Detachment in Bridlington, East Yorkshire as Commanding Officer, including notes and photographs relating to TE Lawrence, known at that time as TE Shaw.
- 3/1        1934 Dec                Aide memoire to Manning from Sq Ldr Snow, previously Commanding Officer on his appointment at the unit. 1p
- 3/2        1935 Apr 24            Sailing orders to deliver two boats to Tayport on 25 Apr. 1p
- 3/3        1935 Jul 3             Newspaper cutting from *The Daily Mail*, reporting the forced landing of a Gordon aircraft into the sea on 2 Jul, and the subsequent rescue of the crew by the staff at Bridlington, with letter of commendation from Wg Cdr E Brownsdon-Rice, CO at Catfoss. 11pp
- 3/4        1935 Sep                Sailing orders to deliver a flotilla of vessels to Bridlington from Calshot. 1p
- 3/5        1935 Sep                Letter from PE Simms relating to the closure of the stores unit at Catfoss. 1p

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- 3/6      1935,  
          1977-1989      Letters relating to proposed biographical publications on TE Lawrence, requesting information from Manning as his CO at Bridlington, correspondents including Paul Tunbridge, H Montgomery-Hyde, David Garnett and Brian Carter (Lawrence enthusiast). 74pp
- 3/7      [1935]      Photographs of boats taken at Bridlington, all uncaptioned, including one of the launch of the A573. 3 photographs.
- 3/8      [1935]      Photographs of TE Lawrence, including last one taken at Bridlington on day of discharge from RAF, Feb 1935. 7 photographs, 2 negatives
- 3/9      1975 Nov 20      Photocopy of annotated transcript of interview of Manning with the Head of the Air Historical Branch, relating to his time at Bridlington as Commanding Officer, Marine Craft Detachment and his acquaintance while there with TE Lawrence, Dec 1934 to Apr 1935. With corrected copy. 35pp
- 4      Papers relating to Manning's service during WWII.
- 4/1      1939 Aug 6      Official instructions for RAF exercise 'Operation Order No 1', issued by Sqn Ldr W Pickersgill of No. 86 Wing, comprising instructions in event of enemy attack. 13pp
- 4/2      1943      Correspondence and official papers relating to the management and staffing of the RAF in Northwest Africa, notably from Gp Capt GR Montgomery of the Middle East Establishments Committee, and papers relating to the preparation of new establishments for the Northwest African Air Force. 83pp

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- 4/3 [1944-1945] 'By Road and Sea, the WEEC takes a fortnight', account by NT Allan of the journey of the Road and Sea Party of the Western European Establishments Committee (WEEC) to Brussels, Belgium in Oct 1944. 1 booklet
- 4/4 1940s Photocopy of printed booklet Air Ministry pamphlet 202, *Leadership, Some Notes for the Guidance of Royal Air Force Officers*. 1 booklet
- 5 Papers relating to Manning's career after WWII.
- 5/1 1946 Nov Printed booklet, restricted circulation, entitled 'Monthly Review' of No 205 Group HQ, RAF including news on training, staffing, and operations. 1 booklet
- 5/2 1952-1963 Draft of letter to Burmese Chief of Air Staff, relating to outline costings for the Five Squadron programme, Burma Air Force. Letters from friends, relating news including from the War Office, Rangoon, 1952. 1 booklet, 15pp
- 5/3 1950s Manning's lecture notes, comprising 'Organisation of the Roman Legion', and 'Principles of Management', Parts I and II, relating to the RAF. 36pp
- 5/4 1962 Oct 16 Letter from ACM Sir Theodore McEvoy, inviting Manning to his farewell drink on 22 Oct to celebrate his retirement. 1p
- 5/5 1963 Jun 11 Certificate appointing Manning, as Air Cdre, to be a member of the Advisory Board, Sovereign Base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia. 1p