

Air Cdre Reginald Newnham Waite (1901-1975)

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

1. File of correspondence, Sep-Dec 1948, relating to the development of a submersible target at RAF St. Eval, Cornwall, 1942

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| 1/1 | 1948 Sep 38 | Director of Naval Contracts, Admiralty, Bath to Waite, HQ Control Commission, Berlin, re possibility of an award for Cdr W B Luard RN in recognition of his work on the target |
| 1/2 | 1948 Oct 25 | Waite to Director of Naval Contracts re relative contributions of Luard, Flt Lt H W Wilkinson, and himself to development of the target |
| 1/3 | 1948 Dec 23 | Director of Naval Contracts to Waite enclosing description of target submitted to the Admiralty by Cdr Luard, 1 Dec 1942 |
| 1/4 | 1948 Dec 31 | Waite to Director of Naval Contracts re description of target in CP Br Patents 4935/48 |

2. Papers relating to Coastal Command Station Nassau, Bahamas, 1942-44

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| 2/1 | 1942 Dec | CO's note for discussion with A Cdre Lydford [a member of RAF Delegation to Washington, later AM Sir Harold Lydford] The document details the problems of establishing the station as a training centre for Coastal Liberator crews; particular attention being drawn to difficulties of supply and liaison with US representatives and RAFDEL |
| 2/2 | 1944 Feb 28 | Single sheet of accident rate statistics compiled by Chief Flying Instructor |

3. Papers relating to RAF occupation of Germany, 1944-47

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| 3/1 | 1944 Feb -
1946 Dec | 'Dissolution of the Luftwaffe Vol II, An account of the part played by the RAF in dissolving the Luftwaffe, compiled from official records by order of AM Sir Philip Wigglesworth AOC-in-C BAFO and Chief of the Air Division' (Air HQ BAFO, July 1947) |
| 3/2 | 1945 May 5-11 | Report on the RAF occupation of Schleswig-Holstein. Day by day account of sequence of events from surrender of Gen Busch to FM Montgomery on Luneburg Heath, 4 May 1945

5 May: Waite flies from HQ 2nd Tactical Air Force to Luneburg. |

6 May: Journey to Schleswig; roads packed with disbanded units of German servicemen and displaced persons; 3 squadrons of RAF Regt sent into Schleswig-Holstein to occupy airfields; evidence of food shortage.

7 May: Germans surrender arms at military barracks, Schleswig; problems with foreign workforce in the town.

8 May: inspection of POW camp Stalag 10A; Burgomeister complains of looting in Schleswig; question of protection for German troops against Russian POW's; RAF Regt provides food for starving POW's and displaced persons; vast numbers of German airmen arriving at Schleswig airfields, escaping from Russian-held territory.

9 May: Waite inspects Russian POW camp, orders removal of the sick to hospital; makes plans for Burgomeister and leading citizens to see camp; victory parade through Schleswig; weapons confiscated from Russian participants for fear of reprisals against Germans; visit by Maj Gen Roberts; report of disappearance of Reichs Minister Bernhard Rust from mental hospital.

10 May: another Russian POW camp inspected; Waite interviews Commandant Stalag 10A and places him under open arrest; advance party of British Military Government arrives.

11 May: Waite returns to HQ 2nd TAF at Suchteln.

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1945 Dec 12

Report: Progress of disarmament with particular reference to the future strength of the disarmament organization Review of air disarmament in the British Zone and liberated countries, attempting to set a programme for reduction in the organization during the concluding stages of the dissolution of the Luftwaffe. Produced by Air HQ (Disarmament) BAFO

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1946 Feb 1-28

Report on air disarmament covering the period 1 Feb-28 Feb 1946 consists of five sections:
 I General
 II Disbandment Control
 III Disposal of enemy war material
 IV Flak
 V Intelligence
 Produced by Air HQ (Admin) BAFO.

4. Papers relating to Waite's posting in Berlin, and the Berlin Airlift, 1946-50

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1946 Jun 17

Article reprinted from the Military Government Weekly Information Bulletin: Berlin's Allied

Control Authority Building Example of Allied Efforts to Extend War Unity through Occupation Period by Thomas A Falco.

4/2 Correspondence file, Sep 1947-Jan 1949

- 4/2/1 1947 Sep 11 2 copies "Aliens: Restrictions on Employment by RAF and WAAF Personnel stationed within the United Kingdom."
- 4/2/2 1947 Sep 12 Waite, Control Commission, Berlin to A Cdre R G Gardner, Air Ministry London re prospect of staying in Berlin for a further year; discussion of his role in military and civilian air matters; difficulties of transport and supply
- 4/2/3 1947 Nov 5 Waite, Control Commission, Berlin to Wg Cdr O G Masters London re possibility of employment for latter in civil aviation in Berlin and elsewhere
- 4/2/4 1948 Jan 2 AVM S C Strafford, HQ Bomber Command, High Wycombe, to Waite enclosing AM A B Ellwood, HQ Bomber Command High Wycombe to AM Sir Arthur Sanders, Air HQ BAFO re re-opening of Heligoland for purposes of live bombing operations
- 4/2/5 1948 Feb 9 Waite to Wg Cdr Watkins re proposals regarding German militarists
- 4/2/6 1948 Feb 10 Waite to Chief of HQ PR/ISO Group, Lancaster House re possibility of showing British propaganda films to German audiences in Berlin
- 4/2/7 1948 Feb 16 AVM P E Maitland, HQ 22 Gp RAF, Market Drayton to Waite, Control Commission, Berlin re possibility of Waite's nephew being selected for technical trade training
- 4/2/8 1948 Feb 20 Waite, Control Commission, Berlin to AVM Maitland, Market Drayton, in reply to 4/2/7 above; discussion of Russian pressure on communications routes
- 4/2/9 1948 Apr 2 2 copies Thomas D Johnson, Chief of Civil Aviation Branch, US Military Government, Berlin to Waite re halt in production of aeronautical material by Askania-Werke AG
- 4/2/10 1948 Apr 8 Waite, CC, Berlin to Lady Tedder, London re her offer to organize musical recitals in Berlin, and enclosing Ted Edwards, PR/ISC Group HQ, Berlin to Waite, 7 Apr 1948, re the same.
- 4/2/11 1948 Jun 9 Waite, CC, Berlin, to Lady Tedder, London

re musical recitals and horticulture; discusses Russian control of all but air transportation

4/2/12 1948 May 5 Waite to General Hall, Armed Forces Div, OMB US re film taken of the wreckage of a plane crash involving a Yak aircraft on 5 Apr 1948

4/2/13 1948 Jun 11 Waite, CC, Berlin to Gp Capt J Heber Percy, Air Attache, the Hague, re KLM non-scheduled flights to Berlin

4/2/14 1948 Jun 6 Robert Rebbe, Brunswick, to Waite re possibility of former being found work in a GCI.O unit

4/2/15 1948 Jun 25 Waite, CC, Berlin, to Rebbe, Brunswick in reply to 4/2/14 above

4/2/16 1948 Jun 25 Waite to Wg Cdr A d'Agapeyeff re Robert Rebbe enclosing a copy of 4/2/15 above

4/2/17 1948 Jun 26 Waite, CC Berlin to Brig WRN Hinde, Stockbridge in reply to Hinde's from Nanyuku, Kenya. Writes of tension within the Western Allied community in Berlin and the halting of quadrupartite operations; loss of rail and road traffic throwing burden onto air transport

4/2/18 1948 Jul 15 Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin to Gp Capt Maurice Newnham (Retd), Commerce Dept, 714 HQ Dusseldorf re work of Civil Aviation Branch in Berlin

4/2/19 1948 Aug 31 Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin to Maj Gen WE Hall Director of Armed Forces Div, OMGUS, re tonnage requirements, enclosing AVM CBS Spackman Senior Air Staff Officer, Air HQ BAFO to Waite, same date re aircraft capacity and frequency of flights

4/2/20 1948 Sep 2 Report: The Airlift up to 30 Aug 1948, circulated at the orders of GOC and required to be the subject of a lecture by all officers to their men not later than 8 Aug 1948. With map showing main flight routes to Berlin

4/2/21 1948 Sep 2 Tony Dawson, HQ AATO Bucheburg to Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin, enclosing typescript of a lecture drawing comparisons between the Airlift and air supply operations in Burma (1944-5) to be delivered by Dawson at Staff College, Camberley the following week

4/2/22 1948 Oct 4 Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin to Gp Capt KBB Cross Air HQ BAFO re means by which tonnage requirements assessed

4/2/23 1948 Oct 9 Waite HQ Airlift, Berlin to AVM F L Hopps, HQ 19 Gp RAF, Plymouth re operation of Sunderland aircraft and effects of frost on same

- 4/2/24 1948 Dec 31 Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin to Air Cdre JWF Merer, HQ 46 Gp, Bucheburg re appreciation of Berlin population for work of Task Force during the winter; also continuing problems of supply, especially fuel
- 4/2/25 1949 Jan 1 Waite, HQ Airlift, Berlin, to Air Cdre R G Gardner, Air Ministry, London re extension of Waite's posting until the close of Airlift operations, and possibilities for future postings
- 4/2/26 nd [AVM] S Spackman Air HQ [BAFO] re three different assessments of Gatow's capacity for air traffic and tonnage
- 4/2/27 nd Background Notes on calculations of tonnage requirements for food and fuel during Airlift
- 4/3 1949 Jan Telephone directory for British Sector, Berlin
- 4/4 1949 Sep 30 373rd and final Airlift statistical report
- 4/5 1949 Operation Plainfare report detailing the organization and structure of Airlift administration. Appendices include specimen copies of Airlift documents including statistical reports
- 4/6 1950 Apr 13 The Berlin Airlift, advance proof of a lecture delivered by Air Cdre JWF Merer to the Royal Aeronautical Society
- 5 Course notes, 1950**
- 5/1 1950 Aug File of course papers for No 9 Special Senior Study Period, School of Land/Air Warfare, RAF Old Sarum (including photograph of course members)
- 5/2 nd File of typescript lecture notes for Transport Command Course
- 5/3 1950 July Leadership and Discipline, paper by Wg Cdr Lewis
- 5/4 1950 July 'Exercise Jitters': typescripts of short speeches delivered by officers on the subject of the Battle of Britain (Officers Advanced Training School Bircham Newton, Senior Course)
- 5/5 1950 File of course papers, OATs Bircham Newton: 'The Principles and Functions of Administration in the Royal Air Force'
- 5/6 1950 File of exercise settings and solutions, OATS, Bircham Newton, Junior Course

- 5/7 1950 File of exercise settings and solutions, OATS, Bircham Newton, Junior course
- 6 Papers and photographs relating to Allied Air Forces Central Europe, 1951-52**
- 6/1 1952 Oct 12-18 Diary of flight from Paris to USA and back via Iceland, made with Lt Gen L Norstad C-in-C AAFCE
- 6/2 nd Correspondent's Guide to Allied Air Forces Central Europe, giving background information; organizational chart and short biographies of principal officers
- 6/3 Photographs of Waite taken while Asst COS AAFCE 1951-53
- 6/3/1 1952 Feb 2 Waite with Gen Eisenhower and Marshall Juin at Fountainbleau
- 6/3/2 nd Head and shoulders portrait of Waite in uniform
- 7 RAF Manuals 1948-50**
- 7/1 RAF Manual of Service Writing and Office Management (Air Ministry, Air Publication 3184, Sep 1948)
- 7/2 RAF War Manual, Part One: Operations (Air Ministry Air Publications 1300 3rd Edn, Jan 1950)