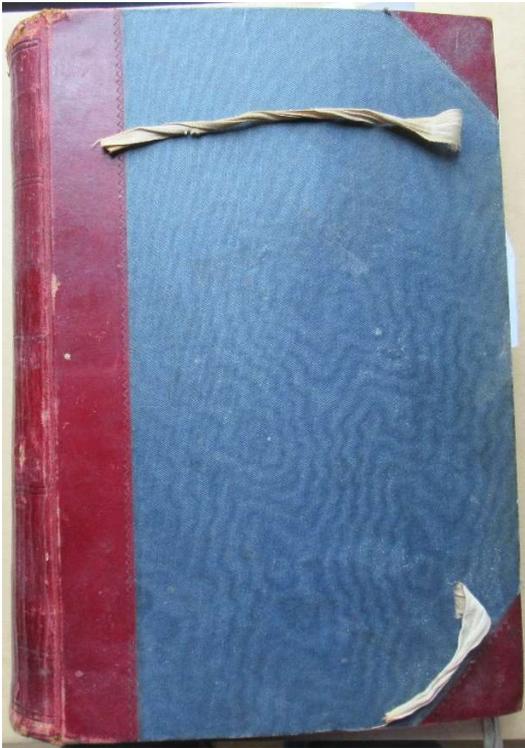


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1. **Aitchison, Major Sir Stephen Charles De Lancey (3rd Baronet) and Lennox Gordon Fraser Aitchison. An annotated scrapbook, relating to their military and Naval training and service during and after WW2, including a large selection of loose pamphlets, photographs and ephemera..**

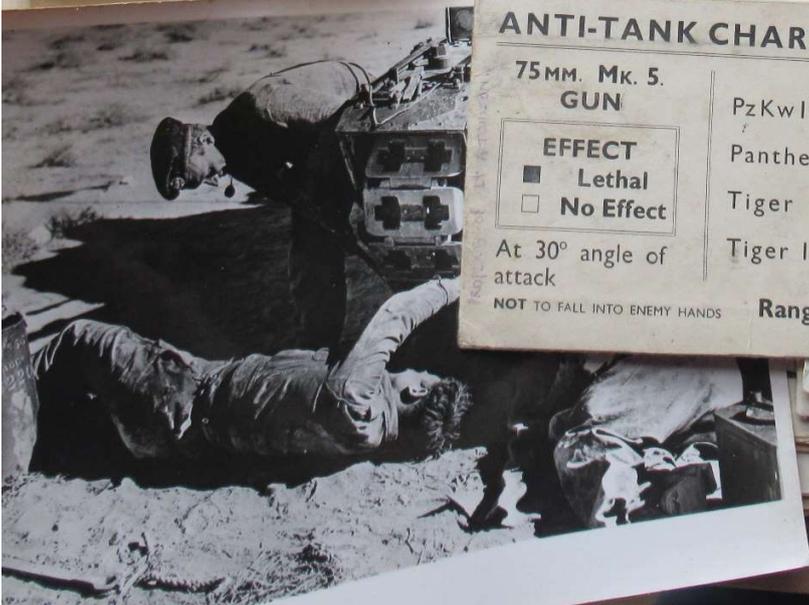
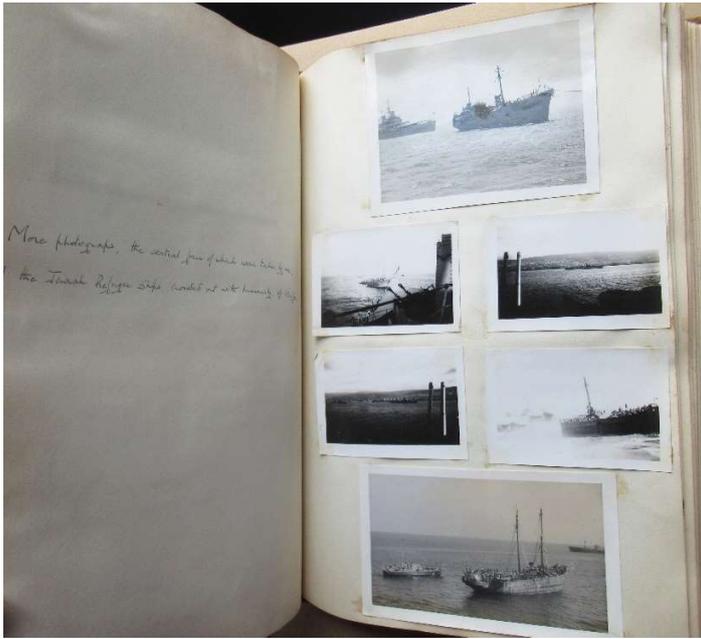


A large and substantial scrapbook, which looks to be custom made, bound in dark red half-leather decorated in blind, with black cloth boards and cotton ties, it is externally quite bumped, rubbed and marked. The first section of the book is devoted to the eldest son, Stephen. There are 2 photographs at the start of the Rugby OTC in 1941, with his call up notice on the next page dated 17th August 1942 at the age of 19. Followed by 9 pages of original photographs and cuttings relating to training at Sandhurst. There is a notice of his acceptance into the 49th Royal Tank Regiment on March 19th 1943 above a photograph of the Regiment. Following this are approximately 40 pages of photographs (including several of a Churchill tank), cuttings and ephemera relating to his active service, with the ephemera including a propaganda leaflet dropped by the Germans in Normandy in 1944 and an "Escape Aid" in the form of a small sheet of Dutch phrases "NOT TO BE PRODUCED IN PUBLIC". Stephen was injured during Operation Blackcock on January 21st 1945, not returning to action until March 9th during the final stages of Operation Veritable, there is an account of this in his own words. He is released from active military duty on February 11th 1947, having remained in Germany until that time, with both the telegram of release and the follow-up letter from the War Office present. The second section is devoted to Lennox's Naval career from

March 1944 – June 1947, the majority of the time is spent on H. M. S. Mauritius, where he is an able seaman. This section covers 50 pages, mostly of original photographs, with a few cuttings, several menus and some Christmas cards. Much space is devoted to the leisure and sporting activities available aboard and ashore, as well as photographs of other vessels and the scenery. Two events stand out, with several pages devoted to Jewish refugee ships met at Haifa in 1946, and 9 pages relating to the second Corfu Channel incident, in which H. M. S. Mauritius was actively involved, with original photographs showing the "Saumarez" and "Volage" striking mines. There are detailed notes and a diagram showing where the explosions took place. Loosely tucked in is a letter from Lennox to Stephen, on blue H. M. S. Mauritius headed notepaper folded once, covering 10 sides, which gives a detailed account of the Corfu Channel incident. Additionally, to the rear of the book are 21 loose items, a mixture of original photographs, souvenir packs of photographs, first aid booklets, certificates, a telegram and an adjustable anti-tank chart. The photos consist of 3 large prints, one showing part of the ruined town of Arnhem in September 1944, the other two appear to be official War Office or Press Photos, showing Radio Mechanics at work on a tank radio and one cleaning & repairing a tank in the Western Desert in December 1940. The pamphlets/booklets are: 'Fishing for His Majesty's Forces', 'The Mauritius Quarterly Review' for the June and September quarters 1946, 'The "Two Types" by Jon', a colour brochure from 1940 for 'Bad Harzburg' and 'First Aid for Fighting Men' 26th May 1943. There are 3 certificates presented to Lady Shena Lennox Aitchison by The Red Cross. The Anti-tank Chart which states "NOT TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS" is in good working order though somewhat grubby and showing signs of active service. A fascinating collection of material relating to one family's service to their country during and shortly after WW2, both in a military capacity and on the home front, with the younger son, Lennox, being involved in one of the early spats of what would come to be known as the Cold War.



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75MM. MK. 5. GUN

EFFECT

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At 30° angle of attack

NOT TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS

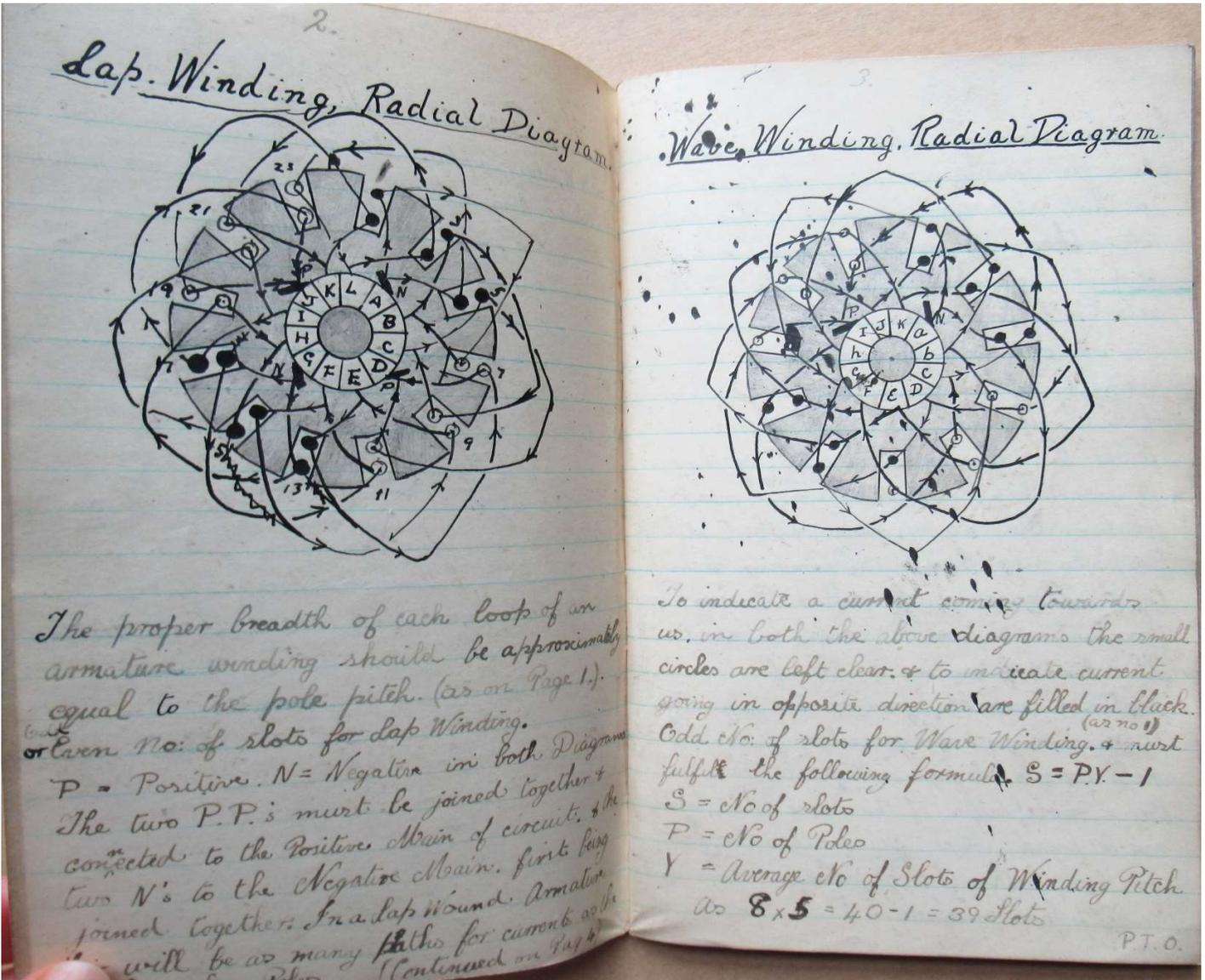
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ARMY BOOK 136.

2. Anon. WW1 era (circa 1917) notebook "Army Book 136." Containing notes and diagrams relating to electrics, motors and generators..

A well preserved buff coloured army issue notebook, I am guessing the property of a vehicle mechanic in the service Corps during World War 1, with 57 numbered pages of neat notes, tables and beautifully executed diagrams in black ink. Cars are mentioned several times, there are calculations/formula for working out the horsepower of "Diesel Oil Engines" and "Steam Engines" and how much electricity would need to be generated to power various lamps. There are some wonderful "Radial Diagrams" and a two page account of the "Principle of a Transformer". Sadly, there are no clues as to who the owner of the notebook was, or its exact purpose. The first page of the book has been neatly excised and the subsequent page is numbered "1", a tantalising indication that the book may originally have been intended for another purpose, or that there was a manuscript title page of some sort.

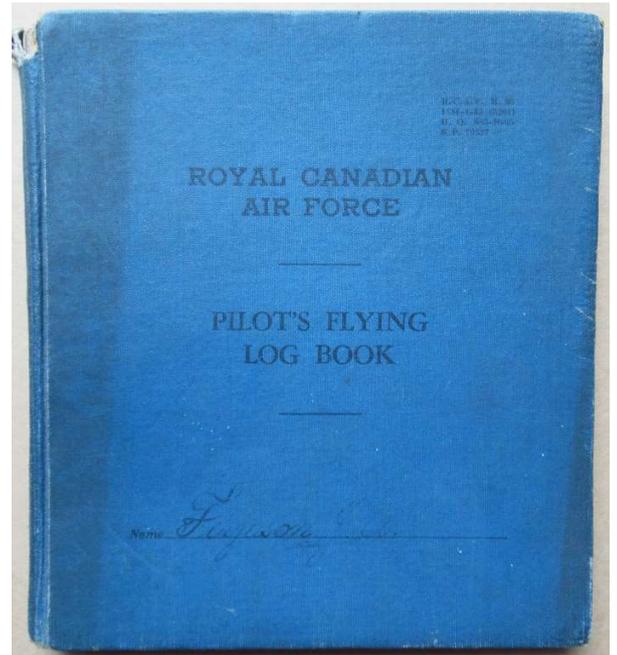
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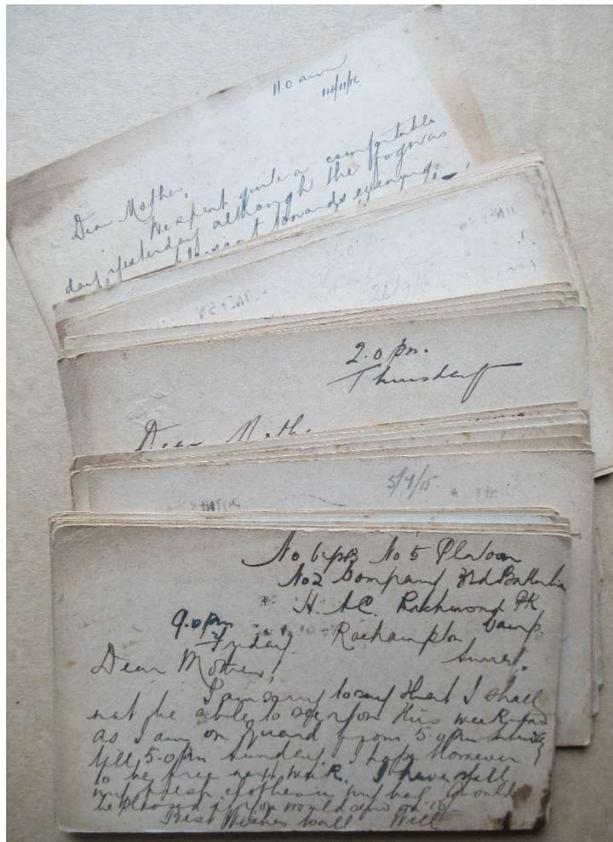
3. **Ferguson, J. A. Royal Canadian Air Force Pilot's Flying Log Book 1944 – 1945.**

An extensively used Log Book, with approximately 110 pages, or 2/3 of the book, filled, detailing a total of just under 240 flying hours. The book is bound in the original marked, rubbed, bumped and darkened blue cloth lettered in black and signed by Ferguson, there is a chunk of cloth missing from the top of the spine, the hinges are very tender but the sewing is holding up quite well.

£120



4. **Fuller, Private William James. A collection of 42 postcards from Private William James Fuller, written to his father or mother, dates ranging between May 7th 1916 and November 14th 1916..**



The postcards are written in a mixture of pen and pencil, they are somewhat toned and marked and of varying degrees of legibility. Fuller appears to be based at Richmond Park Camp, Roehampton until at least May 24th 1916, where there is much digging, interspersed with lying in the sun. Then at Bisley camp for at least 2 days around 29th & 30th May, "another fine day on the ranges doing more difficult shooting at 300 yards" and noting "bought a pound of plum jam". They move to another camp (not absolutely sure which!) and there are notes stating that he is unable to meet his mother or father due to being "on guard" & noting "The 'dark eyed' fellow has just come off guard & is absolutely 'fed up'". He seems to move around a good deal, Lewisham and Blackheath, but generally within travelling distance of his parents as there are frequent mentions of visits home. There's an intriguing mention of Russian at Blackheath: "They are very nice quiet chaps but eat and drink an enormous lot.". A card from "Bobham" reads: "Please excuse dirty card, we are sleeping in a big barn all amongst the straw. Shall be on big field operations tomorrow". A postcard in August is devoted to gas, with mention of a lecture followed by going "through a tent filled with concentrated chlorine wearing gas masks, after which we walked through another tent containing tear gas & came out with our eyes streaming with water.". Day to day concerns are covered, food of course being a prime topic: "We had a splendid feed off the fowl last night and I made breakfast off the wings this morning.". 3 postcards are devoted to

time on the sick list in hospital, I think in Camden. The penultimate postcard sees William "On Detention Cell duty [...] to guard a Scotch prisoner.". A collection giving a wealth of detail of life on the home front, in training and reserve, in the military camps around the London area during WW1.

£250

5. **Meynell, Viola. Julian Grenfell.** Burns & Oates, 1917.

First edition in book form, reprinted from the Dublin Review. An interesting association copy, containing a letter from Lord Desborough (AKA William Grenfell, Julian Grenfell's father) to Mr Murray Dixon, the father of the wildlife artist, Henry Edward Otto Murray-Dixon, who died at Vimy Ridge on April 9th 1917. Harry Murray-Dixon provided Lord Desborough with a picture of a kestrel to illustrate Julian Grenfell's famous war poem 'Into Battle' in 1915 after Grenfell's death. As well as the letter on headed paper, which is folded twice and written on 4 sides, which references both the original drawing of the Kestrel and presents the Viola Meynell account of Julian Grenfell, there is a picture of Harry in his 4th Seaforth Highlanders uniform which is signed, as well as a 1915 Christmas greetings card signed by Harry, featuring both his kestrel picture and Grenfell's poem. The book itself is quite fragile in the original green/grey wraps, which are quite marked and rubbed, the staples are rusted, the text block is marked and some pages are detached. A poignant little collection relating to the deaths of two notable young artists during WW1 and the grief of the older generation who survived; the letter is dated April 1st 1918 and reads: "I am writing to say how much I shall feel for you when April 9th comes round again with its sad but glorious memories of Vimy Ridge."

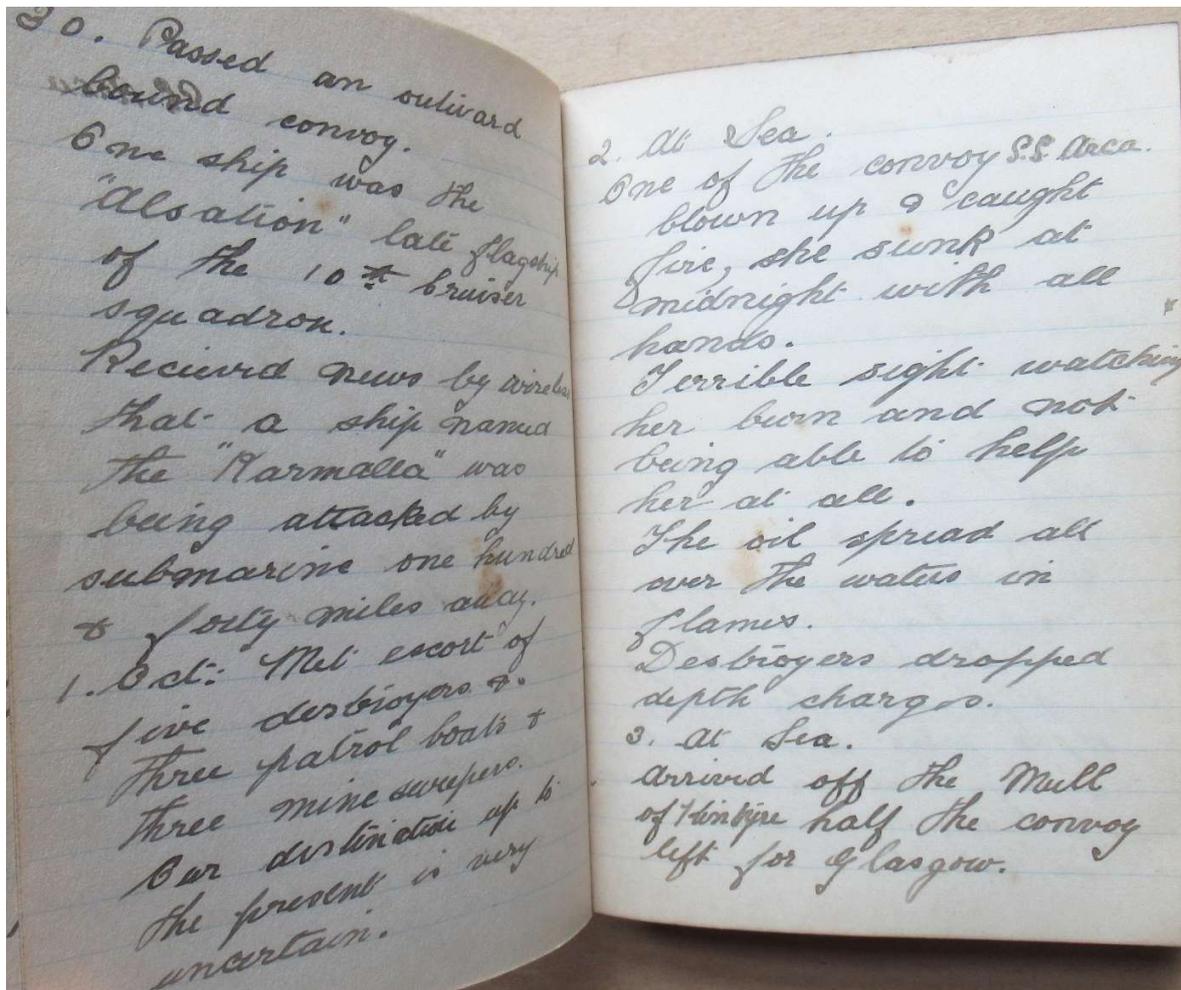
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6. Rawson, H. The diary / private log of H. Rawson on board H.M.S. Avoca and H.M.S. Orbita March 27th 1916 – 18th October 1918, with some additional notes and ephemera, including German colours and the certificate of a toll paid to King Neptune for crossing the line, on 19th April 1916..

A small sewn notebook with blue speckling to the edges bound in black rexine, the covers are slightly rubbed and splitting at the spine folds. The main diary covers 69 pages and appears to cover Rawson's full period of service, to the rear are an additional six pages of notes detailing "names of ships in convoy"; the people and places involved in the British mission from Valparaíso, Chile to Havana, Cuba; "Places where I went ashore on leave, or duty" and a list of

events of note on board H. M. S. Orbita, including "deaths", "suicides" and "War Weddings". The entries are mostly in black ink and highly legible. The ephemera also includes postcards, newspaper cuttings and stamps and currency from countries visited, some tipped in and annotated and some loosely inserted. Approximately two thirds of the book is unused. Rawson joins H. M. S. Avoca at Liverpool on March 28th, transferring to the H. M. S. Orbita on June 22nd at Sechura Bay, Peru. The majority of daily entries are short: "Arrived at 9.15 AM. Officers gave dance.", some are intriguing: "P.S. Ship



searched whilst lying in Paila for lost Confidential Book". On February 5th 1917 an entry reads: "At sea. America broke off connections with Germany. Searched more islands & prepared for coaling.". Most of the time seems to be spent around the coast of South America and entries such as "Stopped & boarded Chilean ship" are frequent, with occasional flurries of excitement: "Chased steamer from 6.30 to 7.30. She would not stop so we fired at her. Went alongside. Let her go.". There are mentions of on board entertainment: "Cinema show on board 8.30PM.". On 7th February 1918: "At night we went to night defence stations using the collier as our target. Through some mismanagement we collided with her, ramming her amidships. All her crew abandoned her & came on board our ship. We stood by her all night, playing the search-light upon her". The "collier" was the 'Dorisbrook' and sunk 2 days later: "she had on board about 2000 tons of Welsh coal.". On the 2nd October 1918 when they are in convoy on the way back to England one of the more tragic events is recorded: "One of the convoy S. S. Arca blown up & caught fire, she sunk at midnight with all hands. Terrible sight watching her burn and not being able to help her at all. The oil spread all over the water in flames. Destroyers dropped depth charges.". A fascinating record of naval war service, from which much can be gleaned regarding day to day routine on the routes around South America, America, Canada, West Indies and South Africa.

7. **Various. A collection of 42 photographs and three postcards(one mechanical), relating to Miklós Horthy, dating from approximately 1914 to 1938, relating to his time in the Austro-Hungarian Navy and as Regent of Hungary..**

I believe the collection was amassed for a book, one of the photos(A Portrait of the Regent) has "frontispiece" pencilled to the rear and most have notes and measurements. Some are stamped: "Hungarian National Office for Tourism", many have the appearance of press or publicity photographs and some appear to have been tipped into an album and retain traces to the reverse. There are two photographs of Horthy with Mussolini on board a ship in 1936, one of Horthy riding across the Danube Bridge in 1938, one of Horthy among his horses and another with his pet spaniel, one showing Horthy attending a Remembrance Day gathering in Budapest, probably in the 1920s, two of Horthy in Ipolyság in 1938, one of Horthy on board a ship with an Italian admiral in 1936 (I believe at La Spezia) and one from 1927 of Horthy at the funeral of Cardinal Janos Csernoch. The novelty mechanical postcard, "Hungaria 896-1918", with a thumbwheel that moves segments of a map, representing the changes which the Treaty of Trianon made to Hungary's borders, is in good working order. Many of the other images are of monuments, buildings or paintings. An interesting collection of original photographs, including some quite famous images such as those taken at La Spezia.

£350



8. Wood, Miss Ellen. Defence of the Realm Permit Book. No. 142603 issued to Miss Ellen Wood of Dover on 27th October 1916..

A well preserved example, due to being kept in a purpose made outer cover with bands inside to hold the book in place, the outer covers are a little rubbed and marked, the pages are toned with some staining. Miss Wood was born in 1888 and is a "Teacher of Music". The two "natural-born male British subjects and house-holders" who verify this to be true are: G. J. Read, who is a farmer, and somebody whose name I can't quite distinguish but who lists his occupation as "Bookseller".

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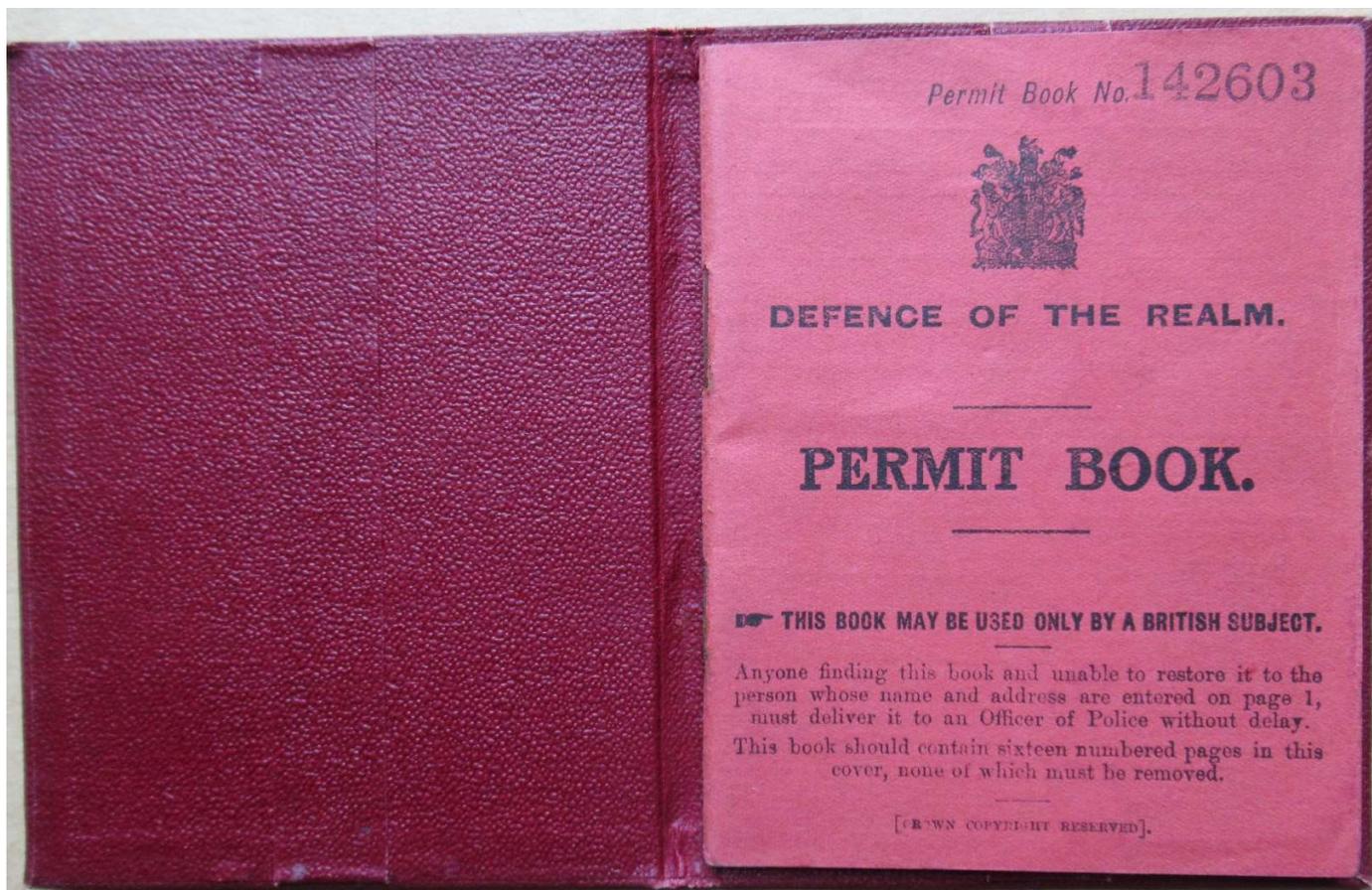
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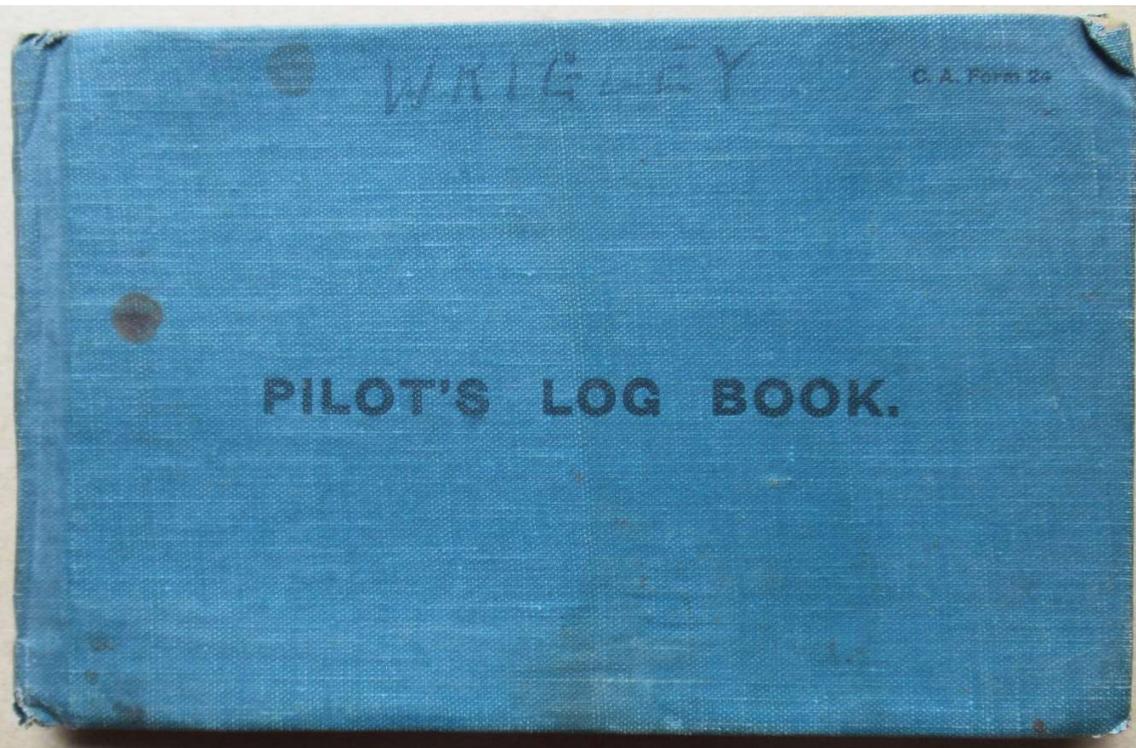
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PHOTOGRAPH



9. Wrigley, Captain Humphrey Osmond. – Pilot's Flying Log covering the period 21st November 1929 – July 11th 1931, and February 19th 1941 – June 22nd 1942 in the Air Transport Auxiliary.



The book is completely filled. Mr Wrigley was Born in February 1901 and began flying at the age of 28 in 1929, covering 162 hours and 50 minutes flying DH.60s, with a certificate tucked into a pocket at the rear of the book from "The De Havilland Aircraft Co Ltd" certifying that Wrigley has completed 20 hours and 15 minutes of dual and solo flying at the "Stag Land Aerodrome Edgware Middlesex". After which Wrigley's service in the Air Transport Auxiliary is detailed, taking his flying hours to a total of 681 hours

and 30 minutes by the end of the Log. Flying Battles, Hurricanes, Tiger Moths, Spitfires, Fox Moths, Tomahawks, Defiants, Commodores, Oxfords, Blenheims, Puss Moths, Lysenders, Wellingtons, Proctors, Bothas, Beauforts, Hudsons, Ansons, Swordfish, Mosquitos etc. The journeys are as varied as the planes flown and include frequent mentions of Biggins Hill and Langley. There are often 1 or 2 passengers and on one occasion 5 passengers in an Anson. At the end of the book are two pages of signatures, a mixture of men and women, I believe all connected with the Air Transport Auxiliary, with the original sheet of blotting paper tucked between the pages. The book is bound in the original blue cloth lettered in black with the name "WRIGLEY" in faded blue to the front board, the cloth is quite bumped, rubbed and slightly marked, the binding is cracked at points with the hinges tender. Captain Wrigley was commended for valuable service in the air in the 1945 King's Birthday Honours List.

£400

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