Hull History Centre: Records collected by Mr A F Ferguson, during and after World War II

C DIAF Records collected by Mr A F Ferguson, 1938-1957 Relating to World War II

Accession Number: 10/82

Historical Background: Collected by Mr Ferguson

Custodial history: Deposited by Mr A G Ferguson in November 2010

Description: Includes ration books, photographs, publications and other items relating to Air Raid precautions belonging to Mr A G Ferguson and Miss Betty Bowser. Also includes details of Donald Noble who received a commendation for his bravery during the May 1941 blitz.

Extent: 0.5 box

Related Materials: Hull History Centre holds an extensive collection of records created by the City during the Second World War at TYA, TAY, TSY, TYC, TYP

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C DIAF/1 Records relating to rationing

1 file/14 items

Dinner [1945]

1940-1957

Includes a Buying Permit, food Ration Books, a Ration Book Holder presented by Tate & Lyle Ltd containing Clothing Books, Motor Fuel Ration Book, Leaflet UFD/6 advising on how many units of utility furniture and household furnishings could be claimed for

C DIAF/2 Personal papers relating to The Second World War Contains:

1940-1946

Miss Betty Bowser's appointment card to the Air Raid Precautions Cyclists' Messenger Corps and two Cards of Authority to carry out her duties

Field Service postcard to Miss Bowser advising her that the sender was well

two notices to Miss Betty Bowser thanking her for her devotion to duty as a Civil Defence Cyclist Messenger and a member of the Civil Defence Report & Control during the War a testimonial letter from Alderman Frederick Holmes to Miss Betty Bowser praising her efforts and thanking her for her support whilst working in Messenger Service Corps copy newspaper cuttings of the Messenger Service's work during the War including an article on Donald Noble, a 17 year old member of the Corps who received a commendation for his bravery - a photograph of the ceremony can be found in C DIAF/4 A newspaper cutting of the first years of War in Hull a programme for the 11 Armoured Divisional Signals Christmas

a Desert Air Force Christmas Card signed 'George'

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the receipt for Miss Bowser and Mr Ferguson's wedding reception at Windsor Hall [1946]
1 file

C DIAF/3 Publications and reports

1938-1944

Air Raid Precautions Handbook No. 1 Personal Protection Against Gas

Air Raid Precautions Handbook No. 9 Incendiary Bombs and Fire Precautions

A Survey of the activities of the Warden Service in Hull 1938-1944 by Robert G Tarran Chief Warden

a paper on General information relating to air raids over the City 1939-1943

1 file/4 items

C DIAF/4 Photographs

1941-1944

Includes Messenger Service on parade in early days of Second World War

Presentation to Donald Noble aged 17 for extreme bravery and devotion to duty during Blitz of 8th May 1941 [Sep 1941]
Messengers with toys they made for hospitals [Christmas 1943] presentation by Messenger Service of 11 electric clocks to Anlaby Road Naval Hospital [Nov 1944]
1 file/6 items