

**P242 Photographs of Aeroplanes and Squadron Men at Castletown
RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P242

Alternative reference number:

Title: Photographs of Aeroplanes and Squadron Men at Castletown

Dates of creation: 1943

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 6 photographs

Format: Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:

Administrative history: Air field Castletown (RAF Castletown) was an airfield in Caithness. Construction of the airfield began in 1939 when it was realised there were not enough airfields to defend Scapa Flow. The airfield was completed on 28 May 1940 as a satellite of RAF Wick, staffed by one officer and 10 airmen. It became a full RAF station the next week (on 7 June 1940) under No.13 Group of Fighter Command.

310 Squadron RAF was a fighter squadron of the RAF in the Second World War, formed in July 1940 at RAF Duxford and crewed by escaped Czechoslovak pilots. On 26 June 1943 the Squadron moved to RAF Castletown in Caithness for a three month rest period. From July to September that year it operated the Spitfire VI.

Custodial history:

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Black and white photographs of Aeroplanes and 310 Squadron Men at RAF Castletown

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: November 2011

Ref.	Description	Dates
P242	Black and white photographs of Aeroplanes and Squadron Men at Castletown	1943
P242/1	Black and white photograph of 'Preparing a feast, Castletown' . Inscription on the back reads "Budou Kralici Rizky, Vaculik Fr., Putna J., Patecek A. 'Preparing the Feast, Orkneys 1943, Castletown' [1 photograph]	1943
P242/2	Black and white photograph of 'Ground crew of 310 Squadron, Castletown at Brough 10.7.43' Inscription on back reads 'Castletown 10.7.1943, Mechanici 310. Perute- Sgt. Benes A. Sgt. Gradde J. W/O Sika J. Black and white photograph of Airmen at Brough with boat [2 photographs]	10 Jul 1943
P242/3	Black and white photograph of 'Spitfires of "B" Flight 310 Squadron at Castletown' Inscription on the back reads 'Spitfiry MkVb LF. , B" FLIGHTU 310 PERUTE, LETISTE CASTLETOWN 17.7.43 Spitfires of 'B' Flight 310 Squadron RAF Castletown-17.7.43 [1 photograph]	17 Jul 1943

P242/4	<p>Black and white photograph of 'A Harrow Aircraft at Castletown'</p> <p>English Translation on back reads 'Harrow A/C Brought 'B' Flight of 310 Squadron Groundcrews from RAF Castletown to RAF Sumburgh- Shetlands on 19.7.43</p> <p>Black and white photograph of 'Transporting the Groundcrew of "B" Flight 310 Squadron to Sumburgh'</p> <p>[2 photographs]</p>	19 Jul 1943
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