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Portrait of Air Vice Marshall Donald Clifford Tyndall Bennett , 1910 –1986 CB, CBE & DSO

Price

GBP 4,500

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Item Reference: SA1161461**Date of manufacture: 1940**

Dimensions

Height = 58.4 cm (23.0")

Width = 48.3 cm (19.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Reginald Henry Lewis RA 1894–1973 Portrait of Air Vice Marshall Donald Clifford Tyndall Bennett , 1910 –1986 CB, CBE & DSO signed " R Lewis" oil on canvas 58.42 x 48.26 cm Air Vice Marshal Donald Clifford Tyndall Bennett, CB, CBE, DSO (14 September 1910 – 15 September 1986) was an Australian aviation pioneer and bomber pilot who rose to be the youngest air vice marshal in the Royal Air Force. He led the "Pathfinder Force" (No. 8 Group RAF) from 1942 to the end of the Second World War in 1945. He has been described as "one of the most brilliant technical airmen of his generation: an outstanding pilot, a superb navigator who was also capable of stripping a wireless set or overhauling an engine". Donald Bennett was born the youngest son of a grazier and business agent in Toowoomba, Queensland. He attended Brisbane Grammar School. After some time working in his father's business, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1930, qualifying at RAAF Point Cook as a pilot on the DH Moth and Westland Wapiti. He transferred to the Royal Air Force a year later. Starting with the flying boats of 210 Squadron, Bennett developed a passion for accurate flying and precise navigation ...

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