

INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS

Series	AIR 79
Title	Air Ministry: Air Member for Personnel and predecessors: Airmen's Records
Structure	<p>Handwritten records on printed forms. Service records for airmen of the Royal Air Force (RAF) who served during the First World War arranged in sequential service number order.</p> <p>In addition to the below suggested list of areas for indexing, the records contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical description Religious denomination Spouse and children Promotions Award of medals
Size/Scope	<p>The records are split into two distinct sets:</p> <p>The first is the existing AIR 79 records comprising 2807 pieces containing 315,000 named individuals' records. There are approximately 650,000 images. These are fully listed to item level on The National Archives catalogue. These records are of those airmen who served during WW1 and who served up until 1928.</p> <p>The second set of records are those which The National Archives are in the process of accessioning from the Ministry of Defence – they are largely identical records of service men who enlisted during WW1 but who continued in service after 1928. These are records of those men within the service number range 1-329000 who went on to see service in the Second World War, as well as records of men whose service number was 329001 or higher. When accessioned these records will also be part of the AIR 79 series. These records comprise approximately 60,000 named individuals' records and approximately 150,000 images.</p> <p>Total size – 375,000 records; 800,000 images</p>
Physical Format and Condition	Tagged files, measuring 355mm x 330mm. Largely in good condition. Some creasing and old repairs. A2 scanning bed required
Popularity	987 Public Productions May 2011 to May 2012
Copyright clearance	Crown copyright
Research Guide	<p>http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/airmanraf.htm</p> <p>http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/raf-rfc-rnas.htm</p>
Possible areas for indexing	Date and place of birth; next of kin; date of joining; date of discharge; units served in