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Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder (1890-1967)

Introduction

Lord Tedder was one of the most respected air leaders of the 20th Century and was one of the few airmen to excel in joint and coalition warfare as well as being an extremely able organizer and administrator.

Born in 1890, Tedder joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1916 and commanded several squadrons during and after the end of the First World War. Post-war he specialized in the efficient organization of training and eventually became the RAF's Director of Training. Tedder first made a name for himself in the Second World War in the Middle East and became the air commander for the whole of the Mediterranean theatre. Despite many setbacks and political difficulties, Tedder made a major contribution to the successful conclusion of the war in the Mediterranean through his ability to work closely with his Army and Naval counterparts in joint operations.

He was brought back from the Mediterranean to become Eisenhower's deputy for the invasion of Europe and supervised the Allied air effort in support of Operation Overlord. In 1946 he was appointed Chief of the Air Staff and guided the RAF through the difficult post-war years and into the jet age.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Lord Tedder. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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