



Missing Believed Killed: Casualty Policy and the Missing Research and Enquiry Service 1939-1952 (Paperback)

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Pen Sword Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 232 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. During the early years of World War Two it soon became apparent that the system for tracing the whereabouts of the remains of RAF aircrew deemed Missing Believed Killed was totally inadequate. The Missing Research Section (MRS) of the Air Ministry was set up in late 1941 to deal with this increasing problem. It collected and collated intelligence reports from a wide variety of official, unofficial and covert sources in an attempt to establish the fate of missing aircrew. Increasingly this included forensic or semi-forensic work to identify personal effects passed on through clandestine channels or bodies washed up on Britain's shores. In December 1944 the MRS was expanded and a small team of fourteen men, named the Missing Research and Enquiry Service (MRES), was sent to France to seek the missing men on the ground. With 42,000 men missing, the amount that fourteen men could achieve was naturally limited, so in July and August 1945 a series of meetings at the Air Ministry decided on the rapid expansion of the MRES to over twenty-five times its current size,...



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