



Group Captain John Joe Collier DSO, DFC and Bar: The Authorised Biography of the Bomber Commander, Air War and S.O.E Strategist and Dambuster Planner (Hardback)

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Pen Sword Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 236 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. John Collier s war began on day one, flying Hampdens in 83 Squadron with his friend Guy Gibson, in a hunt for the battleship Admiral Scheer. By the summer of 1940 he was bombing the Dortmund-Ems Canal at low-level, then Bordeaux and the Scharnhorst at Brest, which led to his DFC and Bar. Given command of 420 (RCAF) Squadron at 25, Collier was hand-picked to direct 97 Squadron, whose Lancasters made a spectacular debut with the 1942 Augsburg Raid. In Gibson s opinion Joe Collier s 97 was the best unit in Bomber Command. After 63 missions Collier was awarded the DSO and was selected to join the Directorate of Bomber Operations (B Ops 1) at the heart of the air war: co-ordinating with the USAAF, issuing directives to Bomber Command, and arguing for precision attacks on vital enemy industries and weaponry. In B Ops 1 John Collier was closely involved in planning the Dambuster Raid with Barnes Wallis, drafted the attack on Peenemunde s V-weapons research station, and managed to delay the buzz-bomb and rocket assault on London....



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