

Donald W. Muggeridge

Held the following appointments at Avro:

- 1957, Administrative Assistant, Finance
- 1958, Administrative Assistant, Sales and Service (see attached page of Avro Newsmagazine, April 2, 1958)
- 1959, Executive Assistant, Company Secretary, Mr. N.E Kindell



Donald W. Muggeridge 1959

New Appointments In Two Divisions

The following appointments to the staff of the Arrow Weapon System Co-ordinator have been announced by J. A. Morley, Vice-President, Sales and Service.

George Oscar becomes Assistant Arrow Weapon System Co-ordinator—Programs; Irv Liss, Assistant Arrow Weapon System Co-ordinator—Supporting Systems; Ivan Craig, Programs and Schedules Supervisor; and Donald W. Muggeridge, Administrative Assistant.

In their new assignments these men will assist W. R. (Bill) Stephens in co-ordinating the various activities on the Arrow Program within the Company and with the Associate Contractors involved in the Arrow Weapon System.

W. G. (Graham) Eves, former As-

sistant Industrial Engineering Manager, has been appointed Industrial Engineering Manager, effective March 15, it has been announced by W. H. Riggs, Works Manager. Mr. Eves will report directly to Mr. Riggs.

The announcement of the new Senior Management appointment was coupled with that of the resignation of S. L. H. (Stan) Wilson, who is taking over special assignments for Fred T. Smye in Mr. Smye's capacity as Executive Vice-President, Aeronautical Division of the parent company, A. V. Roe Canada Ltd.

In extending to Mr. Wilson the best wishes of his colleagues at Avro in his new appointment, Mr. Riggs pointed out that he "will take to his new task a wealth of experience gained over many years with Avro in the field of Industrial Engineering". As is well known, Mr. Wilson has played a major part in the successful growth of AVRO over the years since A. V. Roe Canada Limited started at Malton back in 1946.

Donald William Muggeridge

1918 - 2015

DONALD MUGGERIDGE OBITUARY

Donald William Muggeridge Mar 9, 1918 - Apr 14, 2015 Donald passed away peacefully in San Rafael at the age of 97. He was predeceased by his wife, Vera, of 68 years. He will be deeply missed by his son Derek and his wife Hanny of Lake Country, B.C., granddaughter Karen of Calgary A.B. and Dennis Barrington and his son Conrad, his grandson Michael and his wife Tanya and their daughter Maya of Truro, N.S., as well as many friends here and around the world. Donald was born in England and served his country in WWII, where he rose to the rank of Captain in the 79th Armoured Division. He was evacuated from Dunkirk in May of 1940 and returned to the beaches of Normandy during the invasion in June 1944. After the war he worked in local government and became Deputy Clerk of Worthing Rural District Council. In 1956, Donald, Vera and Derek immigrated to Canada and Donald took a position as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Avro Aircraft Canada Ltd. After the Canadian government cancelled the Arrow jet fighter project in 1959, the company was forced out of business. The family then moved to San Francisco where Donald became a Senior Master Agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States earning a place in the Equitable Hall of Fame. Donald and his father William shared a lifelong passion for windmills. He donated their extensive collection of windmill photographs and information that spanned a century, to the University of Kent at Canterbury (www.kent.ac.uk/library/special_collections/) and to the Mills Archive Trust in Reading, England (www.millsarchivetrust.org). This passion carried over to his superb collection of windmills on stamps which he could happily have used two lifetimes to complete. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Mount Tamalpais Mortuary at 2500 Fifth Ave., San Rafael. The family is most grateful for the care Donald received from the kind, hard-working staff at Alma Via of San Rafael and Heartland Hospice.

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We are sorry to announce the death of Donald William Muggeridge, who passed away peacefully in San Rafael, California on 14 April 2015 at the age of 97. Donald lived a long and varied life and will be missed by his family, friends and all those who knew him.

Donald generously donated his collection of windmill photographs and associated information to the University of Kent, along with his father's collection of photographs, which include rural subjects from 1904, of a life largely vanished today.

Inspired since childhood, Donald initially accompanied his father on his trips, but by the 1930s was working with his friend Syd Simmons to track down and photograph mills all over the UK. In 1936, Donald met his future wife, Vera, and the couple spent their holidays cycling around the countryside in search of anything of 'bygone' England. Along with wind and watermills, this included direction posts, mile stones, columbariums and the furniture of old churches.



Vera & Donald Muggeridge on holiday

The Muggeridge Collection contains photographs on both glass plate and acetate negatives which span the twentieth century and a number of countries, including Europe and America. While a part of the Allied advance at the end of World War Two, Donald even managed to find time to photograph a number of mills in Belgium, Holland and Germany. In the 1950s, Donald, Vera and their young son Derek immigrated to Canada, and later moved to San Francisco.

After donating the collection to the University, Donald took a keen interest in its digitisation and was eager for the photographs to be made available to researchers and enthusiasts around the world. Further materials from Donald's collection were donated to [The Mills Archive](#) in Reading.

While we are saddened by the news of his death, we are grateful to Donald and his sons for their generosity in making these materials available to the public and hope that these collections will continue offer an insight into the 'bygone' rural life in which Donald and his father were so interested.

A full obituary and biography of Donal is available via the [Marin Independent Journal](#). For more information on the Muggeridge Collection and to view images, see the [Special Collections website](#).