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The fascinating, untold story of how British intelligence secretly used homing pigeons as part of a clandestine espionage operation to gather information, communicate, and coordinate with members of the Resistance to defeat the Nazis in occupied Europe during World War II. Between 1941 and 1944, British intelligence dropped sixteen thousand homing pigeons in an arc across Nazi-occupied Europe, from Bordeaux, France to Copenhagen, Denmark, as part of a spy operation code-named Columba. Returning to MI14, the secret government branch in charge of the "Special Pigeon Service," the birds carried messages that offered a glimpse of life under the Germans in rural France, Holland, and Belgium. Written on tiny pieces of rice paper tucked into canisters and tied to the birds' legs, these messages were

sometimes comic, often tragic, and occasionally invaluable—reporting details of German troop movements and fortifications, new Nazi weapons, radar systems, and even the deployment of the feared V-1 and V-2 rockets used to terrorize London. The people who sent these messages were not trained spies. They were ordinary men and women willing to risk their lives in the name of freedom, including the "Leopold Vindictive" network—a small group of Belgian villagers led by an extraordinary priest named Joseph Raskin. The intelligence Raskin sent back by pigeon proved so valuable that it reached Churchill and MI6 parachuted agents behind enemy lines to assist him. Gordon Corera uses declassified documents and extensive original research to tell the story of the Operation Columba and the Secret Pigeon Service for the first time. A powerful tale of wartime espionage, bitter rivalries, extraordinary courage, astonishing betrayal, harrowing tragedy, and a quirky, quarrelsome

band of spy masters and their special mission, Operation Columba opens a fascinating new chapter in the annals of World War II. It is ultimately, the story of how, in one of the darkest and most dangerous times in history, under threat of death, people bravely chose to resist. 1861-1891 include meteorological reports. 1861-1891 include meteorological reports. "This monograph has been written to give officers of the Army at large, and all others who may be interested, a general idea of the growth in the United States and from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, of the Signal Corps and Air Service. In this brief study no attempt has been made to describe detail subjects which would be of interest solely to technical students. Throughout the preparation of this paper many conferences were held with officials on duty in the Offices of the Chief Signal Officer and of the Chief of Air Service, and the files of both these offices as well as many others have been freely consulted. Monographs dealing with the work of

specific services are, in general, prepared by the services themselves, with the advice and assistance of the Historical Section, The Army War College. Where, however, as in this case, the paper deals with two or more services, it is prepared in the Historical Section, with the advice and assistance of the services."--Preface. In this book, McCafferty follows the history of pigeon fancying and, in particular, the sterling work put in by the handlers and their charges in both the world wars. The RAF's Air Sea Rescue Service saved thousands of RAF, Commonwealth and Allied airmen between 1939 and 1945. This fascinating account draws on first-hand interviews, photographs and official documents to reveal some of its most dramatic missions in northwest Europe, the Mediterranean and the Far East. Those shot down at sea faced terrifying dangers, from weather extremes to enemy fighters, and rescue by airborne or seaborne craft was fraught with difficulty. These incredible stories celebrate the courage,

persistence and ingenuity of the men who found themselves 'in the drink' and those who saved them. Using declassified documents and extensive original research, Secret Pigeon Service tells the dramatic untold story of MI14(d) and its spy networks including the remarkable 'Leopold Vindictive', a Belgian resistance cell who used the pigeon they found in 1941 to spy on the Nazis. Everyone has heard of MI5 and MI6. Some may even have heard of MI9 which helped downed airmen escape in World War II. Few have heard of MI14(d) -- home to Operation Columba. The dramatic story of a man who stood at the center of British intelligence operations, the ultimate spymaster of World War Two: Thomas Kendrick Thomas Kendrick (1881-1972) was central to the British Secret Service from its beginnings through to the Second World War. Under the guise of "British Passport Officer," he ran spy networks across Europe, facilitated the escape of Austrian Jews, and later went on to set up the "M Room,"

a listening operation which elicited information of the same significance and scope as Bletchley Park. Yet the work of Kendrick, and its full significance, remains largely unknown. Helen Fry draws on extensive original research to tell the story of this remarkable British intelligence officer. Kendrick's life sheds light on the development of MI6 itself—he was one of the few men to serve Britain across three wars, two of which while working for the British Secret Service. Fry explores the private and public sides of Kendrick, revealing him to be the epitome of the "English gent"—easily able to charm those around him and scrupulously secretive. Contains hearings and reports of the House Committee on Military Affairs regarding H.R. 46, a bill to reconstitute the War Dept. as it originally existed, and to change the name of the War Dept. to the Dept. of Defense and the aviation responsibilities between Army and Navy. Over 16,000 pigeons were dropped into occupied Europe during the Second World War.

Some were used by secret agents to send messages back to headquarters. Others were dropped into selected areas of France, Belgium, Holland and Denmark in the hope that people would complete the attached questionnaire and provided military, political, economic or other intelligence of value for the Allies. There were also requests for information on the reception and content of the BBC Overseas Service news. Many messages sent back requests that the BBC acknowledge receipt of the message. This book investigates the work of MI14, known as the Colomba Service, and for the first time sheds light on conditions in Occupied Europe described by extremely brave men and women who risked execution if found in possession of a pigeon. MI14 staff, decoded or translated messages and forwarded copies to the SOE, SIS, MI19, the War Office, RAF, Royal Navy, Ministry of Economic Warfare, Churchill, de Gaulle and the BBC. In the closing months of the Second World War, General Eisenhower exhorted the

Western Allied forces to redouble their efforts to break the German will to resist. In considering this appeal, General Gubbins, whose Special Operations Executive was making a significant contribution to the liberation of occupied territory, was faced with a fundamental difficulty in the case of Germany. Although opposition to Nazism was present in some areas, it was neither organised nor pro-Allied. Then someone had the idea of creating an entirely fictional German resistance movement and 'selling it' to the Nazi security authorities. From January until April 1945, SOE rained propaganda leaflets on the hapless population fleeing the ruins of their cities and the oncoming Allied ground forces; they broadcast messages to the 'resistance'; they planted the most scandalous lies about eminent Nazis; and at the end they even dropped four agents on fictitious missions. This imaginative response to Ike's exhortation and the sheer audacity of the operation itself demand to be told to a wider audience. Depicts the

development of air mail service around the world and vividly describes the experiences of the pioneer air mail aviators Long considered the bible of thoracic surgery, this comprehensive text guides readers through open and endoscopic surgical techniques with expert commentary by the leaders in thoracic surgery. Coverage includes extensive sections on lung cancer and other pulmonary tumors. Includes access to a companion Web site. This early work on Pigeon Racing is an engrossing read for any pigeon racer of historian of the sport, but also contains a wealth of information and anecdote that is still pertinent and practical today. Recommended for inclusion on the bookshelf of the pigeon fancier. Contents Include: The Homing Pigeon in the Long Ago - The Homer Becomes Standard Equipment for Post and War - Peacetime Pigeon Service in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries - Pigeons of World War I - Pigeons of World War II - The Racing Pigeon: Mixture of Many Feathers; The "Looks" of the

Racing Pigeon; Pigeon Behaviour; Plumage and the Mold; General Care of Racing Homers; The Racing Loft; Breeding Methods; Training Young Birds; Racing Young Birds; Training Old Birds; Unusual Methods of Flying: Night and Two-way; The Homing Urge; Representative Racing-Pigeon Magazines: American and European; Important Books on Racing Pigeons; Racing-Pigeon Literature; and an Index. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork. Over 15,000 pigeons were dropped into occupied Europe during WW2. Some were used by secret agents to send messages back to headquarters. Others were dropped by parachute into France, Belgium, Holland and Denmark in the hope that people would complete the attached questionnaire and provided military, political, economic or other

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