



Master of None

The Life Enriched Reminiscences
of a 20th Century Survivor

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MBE, FCIS, RA

Major Douglas Goddard's life story begins with early memories of childhood days in South East London and Suffolk farms in the 1920s, then focuses on service as a regular army officer, fighting with the 43rd Wessex Division during World War Two, from the Normandy landings through to Bremen. After the war, he was involved in the repatriation of some 30,000 Russian & Polish displaced people from the area around the Belsen/Bergen Nazi concentration camps, for which he was awarded British Army of the Rhine Commander-in-Chief certificate by Field Marshal Montgomery for outstanding good service and devotion to duty. (He also attended the trial of the camp guards.) He then saw post-war service in the Middle East during the Suez Canal crisis.

Aside from his military career, from 1959 onwards, Major Goddard enjoyed a successful career in the Building Industry, which included various campaigns to enhance public opinion of the Industry; his extensive community service, including Chairmanship of the Wokingham District Council at a time of great change and growth and his pro-active roles in numerous local and national organisations – charitable, sporting, arts and heritage, to name but a few. One outstanding example was the fundraising he undertook to build the Wokingham Cancer Day Care centre, before chairing the Day Centre Trust.

The broad range of his experiences, talents and interests, together with his engaging and charmingly self-deprecating writing style, underpin the title of the book – *Master of None*.

About the Author: Major Douglas Goddard, MBE, FCIS, RA was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1978 and awarded an MBE for services to the community in 1997. He is a regular speaker on battlefield tours, with an annual engagement mentoring on the Joint Services Command & Staff College Advanced 'Realities of War' course. He has had many papers published, given many TV and Press presentations on the construction Industry, community and military affairs, and is a keen sportsman and a dedicated family man. He is the author of a wartime history of 112th Wessex Field Regiment, which sold some 600 copies.

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