



St Angelo Airfield

St Angelo airport, known as Rossahilly Aerodrome before the War, was taken over by the RAF in August 1941. This was an airstrip from which planes such as Hurricanes, Beaufighters, Flying Fortresses and Spitfires could operate. From 1941 until 1943 St Angelo was used to intercept enemy aircraft around the West coast of Ireland.



In August 1943, St Angelo was taken over by Coastal Command. From this time it was used in support of the operations based out of Killadeas & Castle Archdale. The aeroplanes flying from St Angelo assisted in Convoy Patrols over the Atlantic Ocean.

In Fermanagh, men worked on the construction of airbases at Castle Archdale, Killadeas & St. Angelo airport which were to become of major strategic importance for the Allies. This provided employment for men from Fermanagh as well as others from places such as Donegal, Sligo, Cavan and Leitrim.



Royal Air Force (R.A.F.) identity card for civilians employed by the Air Ministry or the Ministry of Aircraft Productions at Royal Air Force stations or establishments.

This card belonged to Richard (Dick) Smith who worked as a Fitter's Mate at St. Angelo aerodrome in County Fermanagh in 1942.

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