



EATHER, Charles “Chic”

Charles “Chic” Eather was born in Sydney, Australia in 1920. He joined the Merchant Navy and later qualified as a commercial pilot in 1943. Eather was then commissioned as a flying officer in the Citizen Air Force Reserve. In 1946, Captain Eather joined Roy Farrell Export-Import Co. Ltd, the forerunner of Cathay Pacific.

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Recounts his childhood interest in becoming a pilot and his experience in the Merchant Navy during wartime. Recalls an incident in which he scraped the top of The Peninsula Hotel with the wheels of his plane during a flight to Hong Kong. Talks of his stay at The Peninsula during the Japanese occupation, and the reconstruction efforts in Hong Kong after the war.

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