



When I Grow Up I Want to Be. Third Edition: The Memoir of Gino Narboni as Told to Charlotte Narboni (Paperback)

By Gino Narboni

Charlotte Narboni, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. OS ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. As a young boy living a sheltered life in a predominately Sephardic Jewish enclave in pre-WWII North Africa, Gino Narboni dreamed of a military life in service to his country. But life has a way of intruding . . . even in the dreams of 13-year-old French youngsters. The opening salvos of WWII could be heard in French North Africa. Germany occupied a defeated France with troops and a compliant Vichy government. Narboni, now 18 and part way through his pre-college exams, was drafted and sent to Algiers as a chauffeur at an army post far from most military action. Answering exiled General Charles de Gaulle's call for volunteers to join the Free French Forces, Narboni deserted his Vichy unit under the cover of darkness and began an adventure across North Africa by truck, ship and train, ultimately arriving at an unused air base in the mountains of Lebanon. When asked to choose his arms, a choice given to volunteers, Narboni requested pilot training. From those events shaping the start of his aviation career, he went on to serve as...



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