**BOOKS**

**General**


*Defence Procurement Analysis — Autumn 2001*. Edited by G. Blakey et al. Highbury House Communications, The Publishing House, 1-3 Highbury Station Road, Islington, London N1 1SE, UK. 2001. 130pp. Illustrated. £84 (annual subscription). ISSN 1462-0243. QinetiQ’s Vectored-thrust Aircraft Advanced flight Control (VAAC) research, aero engine technology and support of GPS guided weapon systems are among the subjects reviewed.


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ey trends in avionic systems.


Twenty major air accidents from 1950-1971 are reviewed.


Passenger cabin health issues, inflight entertainment (IFE) systems, seat design and noise control are among the subjects reviewed in this edition of a compilation of concise articles surveying the latest developments in aircraft interior design and furnishings.


The well-illustrated survey of the world’s major aviation events through to the end of the 20th century.

The author has added to his earlier book Broughton Paul Aircraft since 1915 (Putnam, 1993). This well-illustrated history of the numerous civil and military aircraft designs of this famous aircraft company concludes with a selection of unbuilt projects.


Gateway to the Ice: Christchurch International Airport — Antarctic Air Links from 1955. T. Phillips. Distributed by Hugh McCarron, Christchurch International Airport, PO Box 14-001, Christchurch, New Zealand. 2001. 120pp. Illustrated. $39.95 (NZ). Since 1955 the Antarctic air logistic operations of the United States, Italy and New Zealand have been staged through Christchurch International Airport on the South Island. This well-illustrated volume chronicles the development of these operations and the numerous aircraft types used, including a useful bibliography on Antarctic aviation.

The day-by-day family background (four brothers and a sister) in which Wilbur and Orville Wright grew up and the events that preceded and followed their historic flight experiments are recorded in the revealing diaries of their father.


Service Aviation


I Always Wanted to Fly: America’s Cold War Airmen. W.E. Samuel. University Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6492, USA. 2001. 363pp. Illustrated. £30. ISBN 1-57806-399-X. America’s role in the Berlin Airlift, strategic reconnaissance flights and in the air wars over Korea and Vietnam is recalled in this informative compilation of reminiscences of those who were involved.

Astronomy and geodesy


Communications


‘Adopt’ a Library Book or Journal

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These books and journals date primarily from pre-1945 and form a major collection of the world’s aeronautical heritage which should be preserved for current and future generations of researchers.

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‘Adopt-a-Picture’ appeal — the Schneider Trophy contests

The international contests for ‘La Coupe d’Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider’ — commonly referred to as the Schneider Trophy — which were held from 1913-1931 led to major advances in the development of seaplanes, high-speed aerodynamics, aircraft engines and aviation fuels. Among the extensive holdings of material (books, programmes, journal articles and photographs) held in the Society’s Library relating to the Schneider Trophy contests there are various prints and lithographs of some of the competing aircraft which are now in need of conservation, the details of which are as follows:


4. Coombe Richards — British Schneider Trophy Team 1929. Colour print (60cm x 45cm) of a group picture of the various aircraft in the team. Cost of conservation/restoration £160.

The Schneider Trophy itself is now displayed in the Science Museum in South Kensington, London, alongside the Supermarine S.6B aircraft that won the trophy outright for Great Britain in 1931. Piloted by Flt Lt J.N. Boothman, a colour print of this aircraft by Ashby has been restored under the Library’s ‘Adopt-a-Picture’ appeal, sponsored by Dr H. Metcalfe, FREng, FRAeS, and is on display at Hamilton Place alongside other sponsored pictures.

For further reading, there have been a number of books on the Schneider Trophy contests, some of which are as follows:


If any individual member, company or organisation would like to ‘adopt’ one of these works of art — the conservation of which would be undertaken by qualified conservators with the arrangement of The London School of Picture and Frame Restoration and others — please contact: Brian Riddle, Librarian, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ, UK. Tel: +44 (0)20 7670 4362. e-mail: brian.riddle@raes.org.uk. A plaque on the frame of the picture, which would be displayed at the Society’s headquarters at Hamilton Place, would record the name of its ‘sponsor’. 

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