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## “Aviation in Canada” ... How Goes the Series?

Following such CANAV Books best sellers as *Sixty Years*, *De Havilland in Canada* and *Air Transport in Canada*, here's important news for all libraries and aviation history readers. CANAV's "Aviation in Canada" series is the ultimate history of our remarkable flying heritage. Since its beginning in 2008, this encyclopaedic project totals 8 beautifully-produced, large format hardcovers. The page count already exceeds 2100 with more some 5000 photos. These are books to cherish for any public library, school or reader keen about Canada's incomparable aviation heritage, or any student doing research. They also will inspire any young Canadian exploring career possibilities in the burgeoning airline and aerospace industries. How goes the series to the end of 2018?



**Aviation in Canada: The Pioneer Decades** (Vol.1 – 176 pages) got the series moving in 2008. It tells how flight came to Canada in the 1800s with feats in ballooning, parachuting and gliding. Then it's on to Baddeck and the "Silver Dart" in 1909 with Alexander Graham Bell, J.A.D. McCurdy, et al. The first great air meets follow, then comes the huge game changer -- WWI with the birth of air fighting and the technology revolution that ensues. Canadian airmen take the lead, whether instructing or flying in deadly combat.

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**Aviation in Canada: Evolution of an Air Force** (Vol.3 – 336 pages) Following WWI, Ottawa forms the Canadian Air Force to train airmen, operate a few airplanes and establish a military standing. In 1924 the CAF becomes the RCAF. Vol.3 covers these developments to the eve of a new war, then comes the dramatic story of the RCAF on the home front in WWII 1939-45 from the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan to the U-boat war and such other seminal ventures as Ferry Command and the Northwest Staging Route.

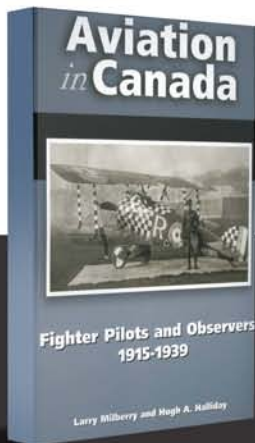
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**Aviation in Canada Fighter Pilots and Observers 1915-1918** (Vol.8 – 184 pages) An impressive book honouring Canada's pioneer airmen. From training at home to the deadly skies overseas, it covers the well-known men, but also features many less-known heroes from across Canada. You'll be amazed at their harrowing deeds drawn from combat reports, letters, diaries, newspapers, etc. The authors also cover the postwar and interwar eras with Canadians fighting in Russia's civil war, the first bush pilots, and the birth of the Canadian air force. The 1920s-30s is a period of RCAF ups-and-downs. Then, with a new war looming, the RCAF rushes to modernize & Canada manufactures its first fighters. The icing on the cake is the book's visual bonanza of 350 photos. Never have so many rare photos from these times been so magnificently shown in any Canadian book.

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