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Aviation in Canada



Fighter Pilots and Observers 1915-1939

Larry Milberry and Hugh A. Halliday

Hello to CANAV's readership around the world. I trust that everyone is nicely into 2022. Here's your latest CANAV list. Many of you are interested, so here's our news... CANAV's RCAF 100th Anniversary project *One Hundred Years: The RCAF 1924 - 2024* is developing by the day. Having finished all the preliminary and interwar chapters last year, we're now well into our WWII coverage. You'll be keen about the masses of new material that will fill its 400 or so pages. No surprise, of course, but this will be the "all in one" RCAF history. After all, you've seen what CANAV already has done since *Sixty Years*, *RCAF at War*, *Canada's Air Force Today*, *Evolution of an Air Force*, etc.

What's new in this season's list? For RCAF fans, check out *Canadian Cold Warriors: Avro Canada CF-100 Canuck 1950-1982*.

This important new book covers all aspects of Canada's own "Fighter of the Fifties". Also just added is Paul Ozorak's superb *Abandoned Military Installations of Canada*, Vol.4. Paul starts by updating his first 3 volumes, noting many changes at bases he's already covered, then goes on in detail re. dozens of RCAF/BCATP/NORAD and other bases from Alliford Bay and Alask, to Churchill, Dauphin, Masset Medicine Hat, Tofino, Vulcan, Whitehorse and Yorkton. A real treasure! Another such is Darrell Hiller's *North Atlantic Crossroads: The Royal Air Force Gander Unit 1940-1946*. It's a top new history of Gander's beginnings, then its wartime heyday, when some 4000 aircraft staged through on their trans-Atlantic deliveries. Darrell covers the hazards facing Ferry Command, the accidents, search and rescue, salvage, etc. Also not to be missed? *Operation Jubilee*, a new in-depth look at the Dieppe raid that cost Canada so dearly. This book also will impress -- *The Company: The Rise and Fall of the Hudson's Bay Empire*, and because it's such a wonderful classic, I'm re-introducing *The Accidental Airline*, the story of BC's rough 'n tumble Queen Charlotte Airlines.

I'm still promoting our last copies of *Air Transport in Canada* (1040 pages, 2 vols., 3000+ photos etc.) as a huge deal -- \$65 all-in (usually \$155+) & *Canada's Air Force at War and Peace*, our 3 RCAF volumes (1000+ pages) *Canada's Air Force at War and Peace* at \$75 all-in (\$224+). Other than the few new copies of *Sixty Years*, "CAFWP" is the only general RCAF history in print in 2022. You also can add *The Canadair Sabre* and *Fighter Squadron* each at \$35 all-in. These bargains are well worth it for your library & special gifts! Also, check out our "Aviation in Canada" series. Vol.8 *Fighter Pilots and*

Observers 1915-1939 is typical. Notes the WWI journal "Over the Front": "This new book's unassuming title modestly hides a treasure of photographic and text material ... highly-readable, thoroughly-researched". Any fan will revel in this impressive series.

Here a few others to enjoy: Ernie Gann's *Fate Is the Hunter*, Chris Hadfield's blockbuster *The Apollo Murders, Beyond: The Astonishing Story of the First Human to Leave Our Planet and Journey into Space, Who Killed the Avro Arrow*, and *The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*. For now, keep reading actual books, don't be bamboozled by the shallowness of the internet. All its video games, podcasts, etc. barely compare to sitting down with a real book. Besides, with a book you never need to recharge the batteries!

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Sixty Years are the only RCAF general histories in print in 2020/21. In September 2000 Britain's *Scale Aviation Modeller International* selected *CAFWP* Vol.1 as its "Book of the Month": "This is a book that truly deserves the 'must have' title... one that all RCAF and Canadian aviation fans will want." Writes *Airforce*: "...the most comprehensive history of Canada's air force ever produced." *Canadian Flight*: "the grand-daddy of all Christmas presents for air force vets." Begins in 1914 with the feeble Canadian Av'n Corps, moves to Canadians in the RFC/RNAS/RAF. Ch.1?

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