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military public relations endeavors ultimately seek to build a sense of common interests and aims and so generally foster good relations with the people they defend and there in ensure a stable society the armed forces when engaging on any public relations exercise have traditionally sought to provide an entertaining spectacle for years this has been typified by parades bands mock battles drill displays and other relevant feats of military prowess which have captured the imagination of the public and inspired potential recruits the 20th century brought a new dimension to the field of warfare and subsequently added a new strand to the fabric of public ceremony and displays by the armed forces that new dimension was the arrival of powered flight display flying began within five years of the wright brothers making their milestone first flight the first events staged in britain which centered on demonstrations by flying machines were organized by the town councils of blackpool and doncaster and were held within days of each other in october 1909 1920 was the year that the first of the famed and legendary hendon air pageants was staged and this is where military air shows traditionally began the hendon displays were organized and staged by the still fledging royal air force and it was probably due in no small part to the prestige and spectacle of this fresh new dimension of military pageantry together with other like events held at raf airfields through the next two decades that the very existence of the raf was saved from the threat of abolition the history of the raf s commitment one that compares almost uniquely with other air forces toward display flying through the years after world war ii has now come of age this account of their record in this often overlooked but then again traditional field of military

customs describes and illustrates the major public raf events since 1920

the inter war years between 1918 and 1939 saw the newly created royal air force fighting for its very existence politically being dispatched to the remotest corners of the british empire and its protectorates in various policing roles and then finally engaged in a headlong rush to modernize in the face of the new german fascist regime that was threatening british and european freedom yet this important period in raf history and its effect on political and military rationale during the period has never been completely documented this exhaustive and comprehensive reference is the most detailed work to be published on the subject the author gives full information on the changing structure of the force during the period squadron operations political machinations and their effects the airplanes and their equipment the personnel technical advances in navigation and breakthroughs achieved in engine performance the book is cross referenced throughout extremely well illustrated and contains an abundance of location maps and other diagrams this book will become a bible for anyone interested in the history of the raf this work has been reviewed by personnel at the raf historical branch who praise it

air policing was used in many colonial possessions but its most effective incidence occurred in the crescent of territory from north eastern africa through south west arabia to north west frontier of india this book talks about air policing and its role in offering a cheaper means of pacification in the inter war years it illuminates the potentialities and limitations of the new aerial technology and makes important contributions to the history of colonial resistance and its suppression air policing was employed in the campaign against mohammed bin abdulla hassan and his dervish following in somaliland in early 1920 the book discusses the relationships between air control and the survival of royal air force in iraq and between air power and indirect imperialism in the hashemite kingdoms it discusses hugh trenchard s plans to substitute air for naval or coastal forces and assesses the extent to which barriers of climate and geography continued to limit the exercise of air power indigenous responses include being terrified at the mere sight of aircraft to the successful adaptation to air power which was hardly foreseen by either the opponents or the supporters of air policing the book examines the ethical debates which were a continuous undercurrent to the stream of argument about repressive air power methods from a political and operational perspective it compares air policing as practised by other european powers by highlighting the rif war in morocco the druze revolt in syria and italy s war of reconquest in libya

ian philpott presents us here with a compendium of facts operational histories and photo illustrations combined to create a comprehensive account of the early years of the royal air force illustrated throughout it features details of all military operations from 1914 to 1918 which impacted upon the organisation also included are operational details of the independent bomber force throughout 1918 a supplementary historical strand that is sure to appeal to aviation enthusiasts with a taste for features of niche focus details of the airfields landing grounds seaplane bases and various other landmarks of this era are given and readers are encouraged to use the work as a reference book being as it is a weighty tome of encyclopedic scope sure to make a welcome addition to any aviation enthusiasts library this well researched piece of work has been a long time in the making philpott brings his typical flare to the project leaving no stone unturned when it comes to this dynamic defining period of royal air force history as featured in the east kent mercury and essence magazine

in 1918 the royal air force became the first major independent air force in the world formed to serve a strategic need in the most intensive war that britain had then fought the raf continued

in the inter war era to play a key role in the political and diplomatic world and in defending the empire during the second world war the raf was pivotal in defending britain from invasion in the battle of britain and then in leading the assault on the axis powers most notably through the contentious bomber offensive against germany in the post war world the raf adapted and developed into a force to meet the needs of the united kingdom during the cold war the retreat from empire and most recently in the move to coalition warfare against low intensity threats all against a backdrop of diminishing resources and shifting priorities this is the story of the raf over the first century of its existence how it has confronted the many challenges and threats it has faced from the luftwaffe in 1940 through the spectre of nuclear holocaust in the cold war to the fight against terrorism in the 21st century and how it has contributed to the defence of the united kingdom throughout that period

with particular attention to the conflicts in malaya and borneo this is the account of england s presence in the far east until the withdrawal of troops in 1972 this is an excellent study of britain s defense policy in the far east

includes pictures includes contemporary accounts includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading one of the most important breakthroughs in military technology associated with world war i and certainly the one that continues to capture the public imagination was the use of airplanes which were a virtual novelty a decade before while the war quickly ground to a halt in its first few months the skies above the western front became increasingly busy the great powers had already been acquiring aircraft for potential uses but given that aerial warfare had never been a major component of any conflict it s understandable that few on either side had any idea what the planes were capable of doing furthermore at the start of the war all sides aircraft were ill equipped for combat mostly because the idea that planes might somehow fight was still a novel one and the adaptations had not yet been developed that would allow the aerial battles later in the war as a result aircraft were used almost entirely for reconnaissance early on allowing generals to gain unprecedented levels of information about enemy movements such intelligence allowed the french to counter german movements in what became the first battle of the marne ending germany s hopes for victory through the schlieffen plan similarly in the east german planes were vital in tracking encircling and destroying russian forces at tannenberg some armies such as the french saw air intelligence as a strategic matter with aircraft capable mainly of identifying enemy forces before battle and contributing to advanced preparations the germans on the other hand believed that aircraft could provide tactical information once battle had commenced pilots such as oswald boelcke germany s first great aerial officer would fly over enemy positions in two seat aircraft with a spotter in the back identifying allied positions and using colored lights to direct the fire of artillery on the ground of course spotting took on great importance because of the growing range and power of artillery much of the fire from the great guns was aimed indirectly since the gunners could not see their targets and thus relied on intelligence from others to direct them maps of enemy held territory were often woefully inadequate to start with and with the need to know where moving enemy formations were positioned the business gained an added complexity but aircraft could cut through this by providing up to date intelligence on enemy positions and sending it back to the gun batteries which were lobbing shells over their own front lines the royal air force raf britain s legendary air arm was born in the skies above the first world war the british had previously used balloons for spotting and reconnaissance for decades and in the years leading up to the war planes started seeing military use they mostly provided reconnaissance though experiments were made in using them offensively during the boer war of 1899 1902 the

british army used the crews of helium filled balloons to plot and help target artillery fire but these were small tentative steps the first patent to fit a machine gun to a plane taken out in 1910 had not yet led to active fighting vehicles and there was no doctrine no tactics and no combat between massed air fleets that changed during world war i as the skies above the western front became the crucible in which the preceding fragments of aerial warfare were smelted in the white hot heat of war for the british this meant the creation of a large and unified flying force which by 1918 would become the raf the birth of the royal air force in world war i the history and legacy of british air power during the great war examines the creation and evolution of the raf over the course of world war i

the leyland titan was the last double deck bus to have at least some hand in its design by the old london transport suffering in the early 1970s from the reliability problems of the dms class of daimler fleetline and no longer able to design and build its own buses london transport resolved not to be caught out twice thus was developed the leyland titan an attractive amenable and reliable second generation opo bus that entered revenue earning service on 4 december 1978 with 1 125 bought new and six acquired second hand the t class went on to complete nearly 25 years on the london frontline although its technological sophistication combined with industrial problems afflicting leyland at the time put off buyers outside the capital the privatised descendants of these same concerns would snap up second hand titans when the tendering losses incurred by london buses ltd caused examples to flood onto the open market in some cases after less than ten years of service many of them would go straight back into service on london routes the t class saw london through the uncertain period of division and privatisation and in the hands of three successor companies to london buses ltd continued to provide stalwart service until 19 june 2003 when t1018 operated on a stage service for the last time with all remaining examples including those latterly used on schools and private hire work now gone from frontline service the future careers of the london transport titans have been no less fascinating with buses seeing use by operators large and small the length and breadth of the country in the london titan matthew wharmby explores in detail the complete history of the last of the bespoke london transport buses illustrated throughout with over 300 colour and black and white photographs this book will appeal to the many bus enthusiasts around the country

this detailed survey takes the lid off raf operations in germany from establishment of the british air forces of occupation in july 1945 to the tense days of the berlin airlift and the establishment of nato and its tripwire strategy which placed germany firmly in the front line

includes 21 maps diagrams and 17 illustrations photos the royal air force is the oldest independent air force in the world having gained its spurs over the trenches of flanders in the first world war it was officially established in 1918 however it was during the second world war that it would achieve its greatest successes yet from an inauspicious start following post war budget cuts it would rise to become a decisive factor in the campaign to remove the nazis from europe and the japanese from mainland asia the three volume official history gives a sound and broad narrative of all of the campaigns actions and engagements that the royal air force was party to across europe asia africa and australasia the text was set out in manageable chapters each dealing with a particular episode of the struggle against fascism and is written in an easy and accessible style free from the specialised vocabulary of flying or aerial combat the first volume covers the period 1939 1942 including the initial phoney war period the norway expedition the battle of france the battle of britain the blitz the opening stages of the battle of the atlantic the opening stages of the north african campaign

om royal air force udvikling og operationer i perioden 1935 til 1993 med hovedvægt op raf operationer under den 2 verdenskrig samt status i begyndelsen af 1990

a fully illustrated history of the royal air force while on operations publishing to mark the centenary of its foundation in world war i the world s first independent air force the royal air force celebrates its centenary in 2018 in the 100 years since the end of world war i the service has been involved in almost continuous operations around the globe giving the raf the longest and most wide ranging history of any air force in the world but over the years this history has also become entangled with myths the royal air force a centenary of operations sets the record straight dispelling these as it uncovers in both words and photographs the true exploits and accomplishments of raf personnel over the last 100 years from its formation as an independent service in the dying days of world war i its desperate fight against the axis air forces in world war ii to its commitments during both the cold war and modern times this is the complete story of how the raf has defended britain for a century

between 1939 and 1945 the british public was spellbound by the martial endeavours and dashing style of the young men of the raf especially those with silvery fabric wings sewn above the breast pocket of their glamorous slate blue uniform martin francis provides the first scholarly study of the place of the flyer in british culture during the second world war examining the lives of raf personnel and their popular representation in literary and cinematic texts he illuminates broader issues of gender social class national and racial identities emotional life and the creation of a national myth in twentieth century britain in particular francis argues that the flyer s relationship to fear aggression loss of his comrades bodily dismemberment and psychological breakdown reveals broader ambiguities surrounding the dominant understandings of masculinity in the middle decades of the century despite his star appeal cultural representations of the flyer encompassed both the gentle chivalrous warrior and the uncompromising agent of destruction paying particular attention to the romantic universe of wartime aircrew francis reveals the extraordinary contrasts of their daily lives dicing with death in the sky one moment before sitting down to lunch with wives and children in the next male and female experiences during the war were not polarized and antithetical but were complementary and interrelated a conclusion which has implications for the history of gender in modern britain that reach well beyond either the specialized military culture of the wartime raf or the chronological parameters of the second world war

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