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INTRODUCTION

During its 100 years of operation, the RAF College has trained nearly 30,000 individuals, most of whom have gone on to excel in careers with the RAF, in industry and in private commerce, whether in peacetime, at times of international crisis or in war. Many have taken to print to recount their own perceptions or to honour the contributions from RAF personnel who were unable or opted not to do so.

In researching the data to support the creation of the Cranwellian Historical Society's (CHS) Albums, the author has had the pleasure, indeed the privilege, to assimilate the 'raw data' archived at the College with professional outputs in the public domain created by a wealth of inspired RAF personnel, military historians and biographers.

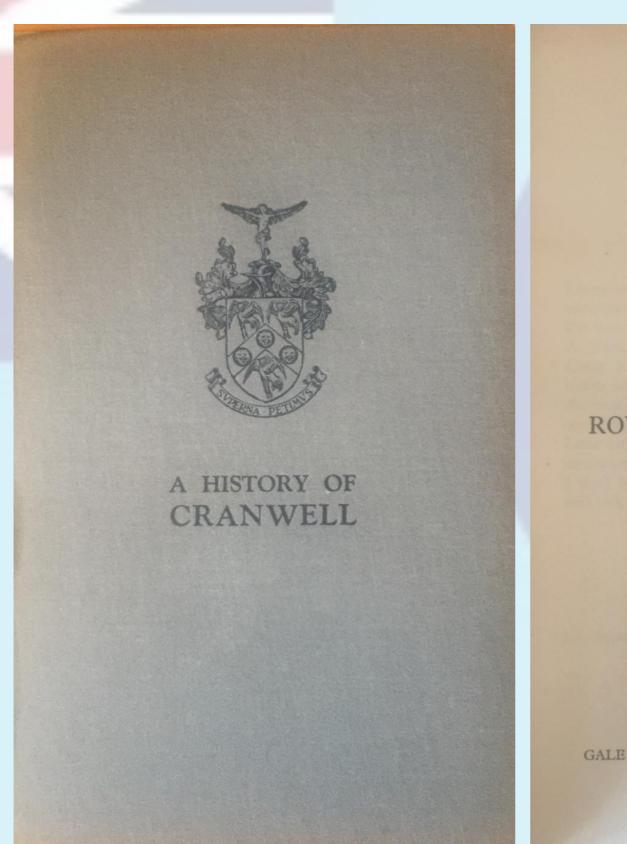
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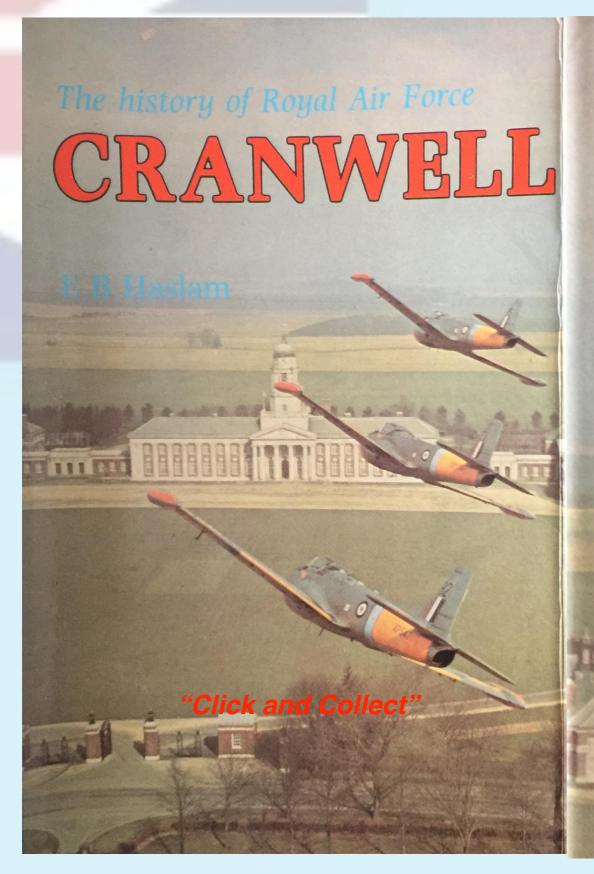
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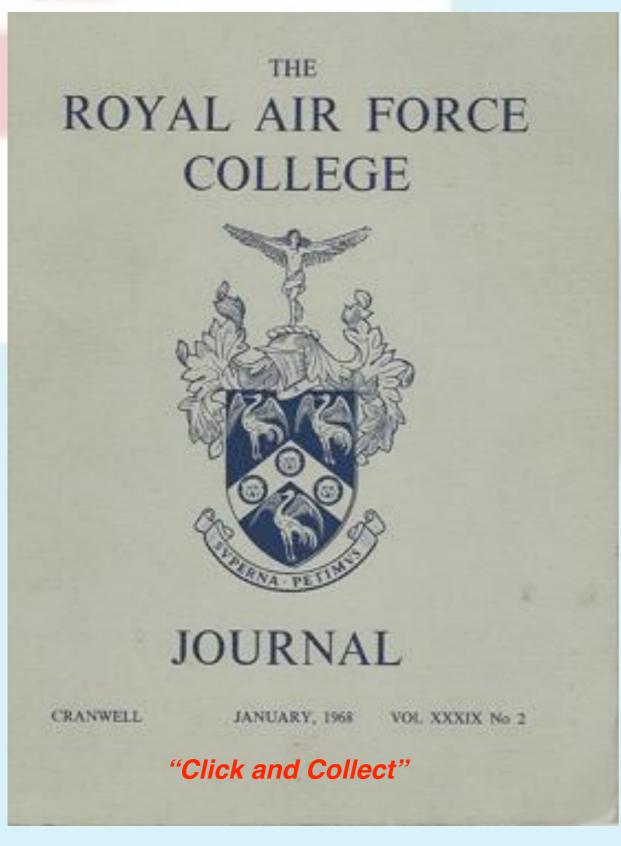


The Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, now includes the Department of Initial Officer Training for the Royal Air Force. It was in 1920 that a Royal Air Force Cadet College was first established as the major unit on the station. Even before this realization of the ambition of Sir Hugh Trenchard, elementary flying training had been given at Cranwell, which, from 1915 onwards, had been a flying station.

In telling the story of the base at Cranwell from 1915 to the present day, Group Captain Haslam sheds light on the formative period of the College. describes the momentous war years, during which Cranwell became a sort of United Nations in miniature, and analyses the complex movements of service thinking that led to the Graduate Entry Scheme and the current establishment at Cranwell. The account is not confined to the development of cadet training but describes also the work of other units that were based at Cranwell, including the apprentices of the early 1920s, the Electrical and Wireless School and the Radio Schools in World War II.

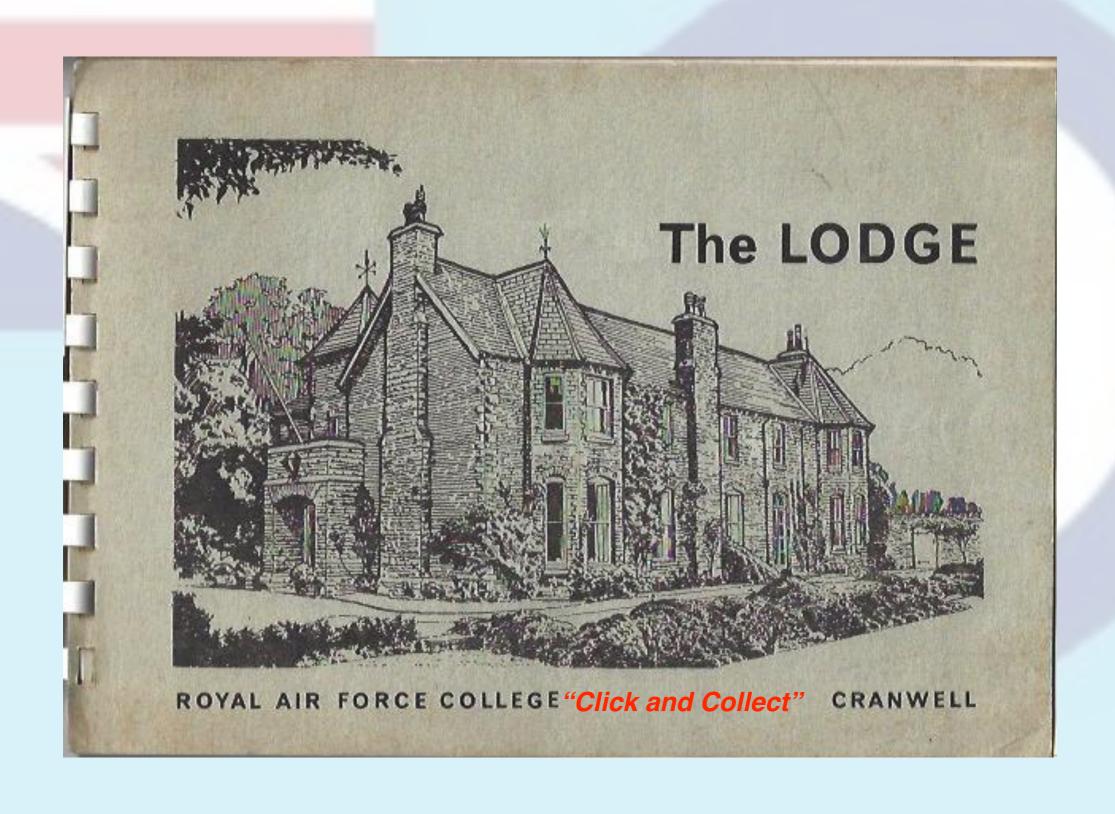
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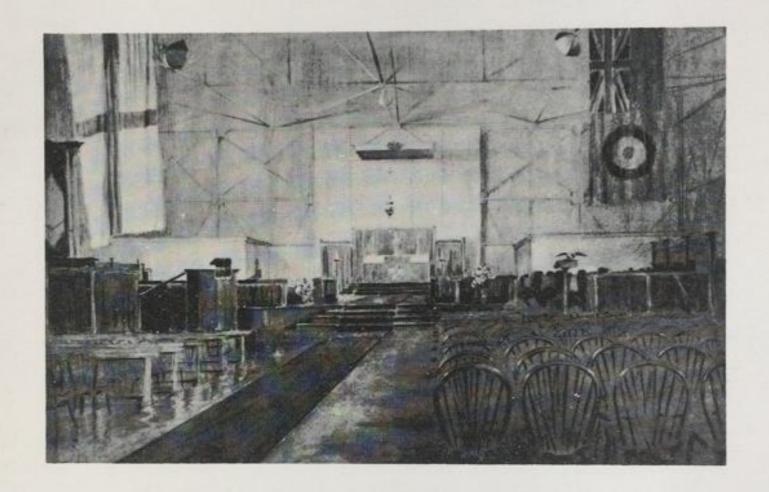
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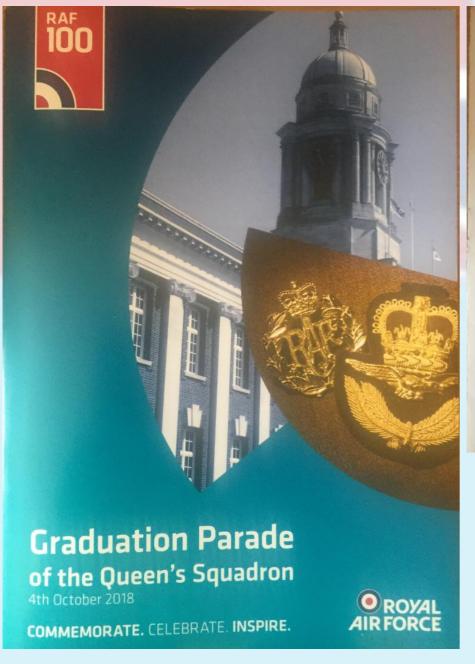
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When the Royal Air Force was formed in 1918 Lord Trenchan insisted that the new service must have an establishment where a nucleus of permanent officers could be trained, and so the College opened in 1920 what had previously been the Royal Naval Air Service airfield HM Dardalus, Cranwell thus became the first air academy in the world.

Originally the accommodation was in huts, but in 1934 the main College building was completed. Since then, old buildings have been gradually replaced and new facilities provided. Notable examples are the Anglican Church of St. Michael and All Angels instead of the historic hangar church, and Whittle and Trenchard Halls.

The College is honoured in having Her Majesty The Queen as its Commandant-in-Chief, and The Queen's Colour, presented in 1960, is carried on all ceremonial occasions. In June, 1970, the College celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary when Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, attended a parade marking the occasion.

Until 1947 only pilots were trained at Cranwell. Since that date, however, the training task has been widened to include navigators and those making their careers in the Supply and Secretarial Branches and the Royal Air Force Regiment; in January, 1966, the Royal Air Force Technical College merged with the Royal Air Force College bringing all engineer officer training to Cranwell.

Although in the past the course at Cranwell included an extensive academic phase, we now look to the universities to give this teaching. Having obtained his degree, the graduate comes to Cranwell for one year of specialist and officer training. The first entry of graduates arrived on 1st September, 1970.

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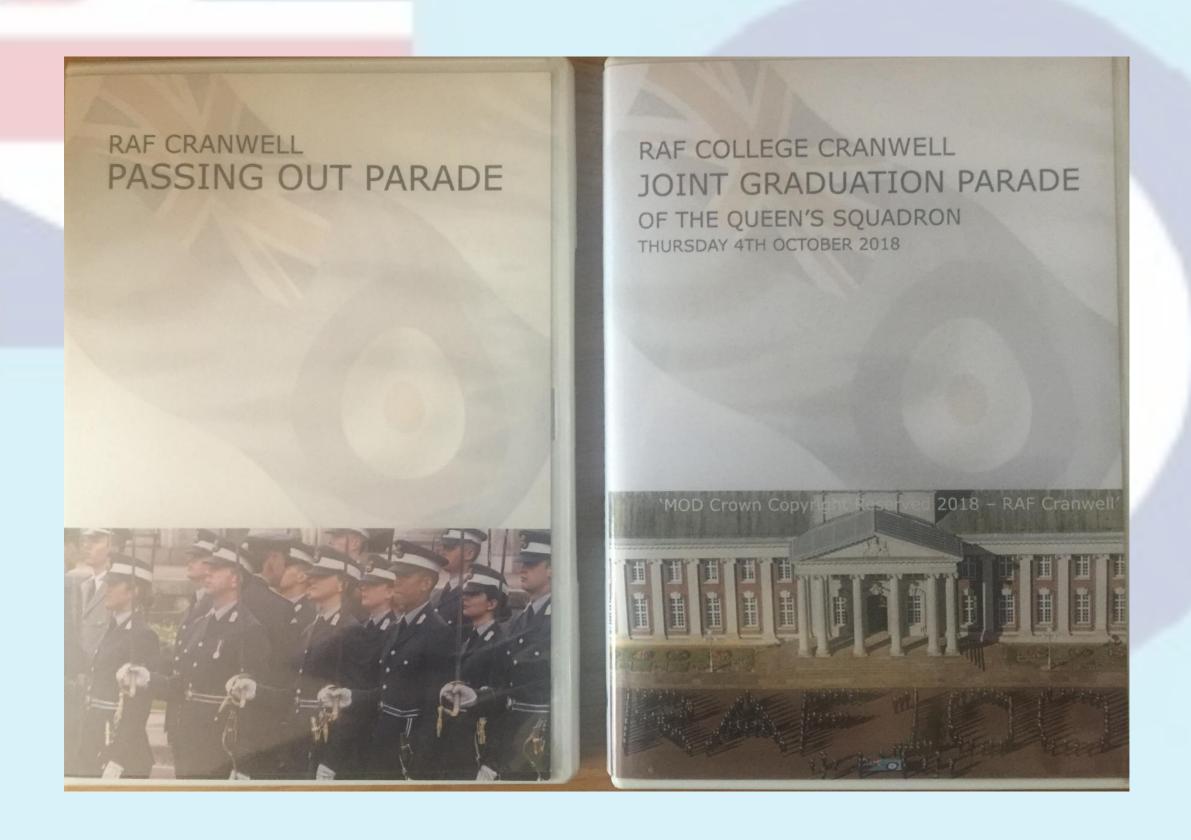
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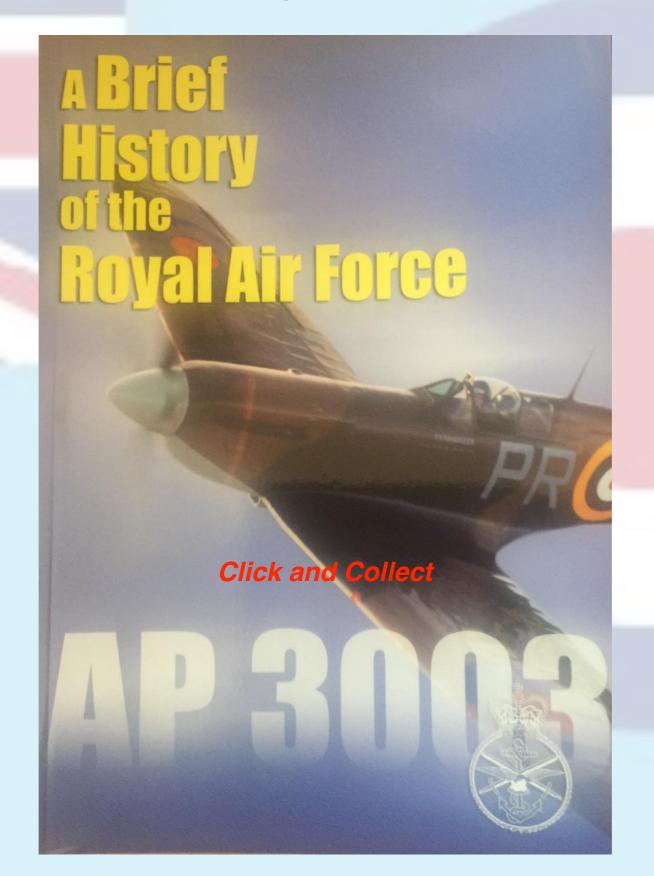
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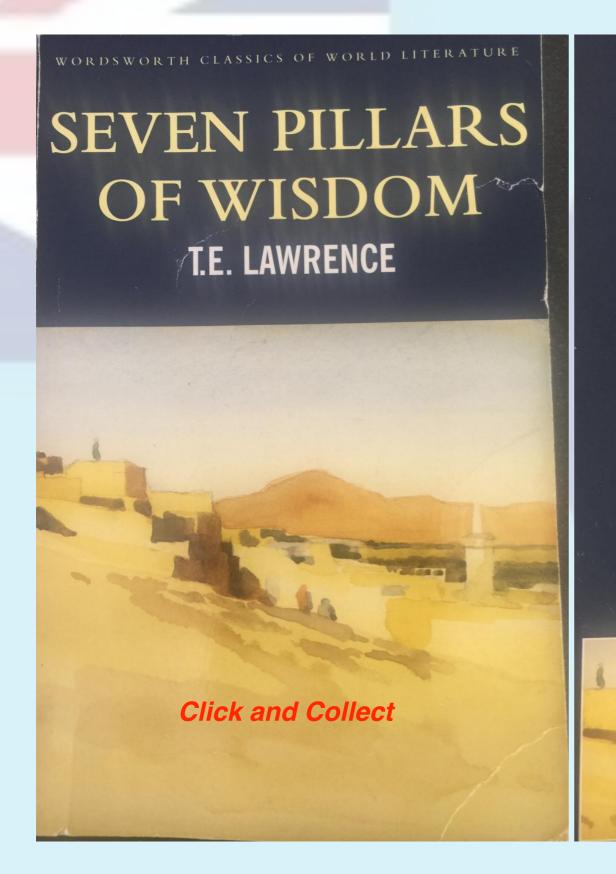


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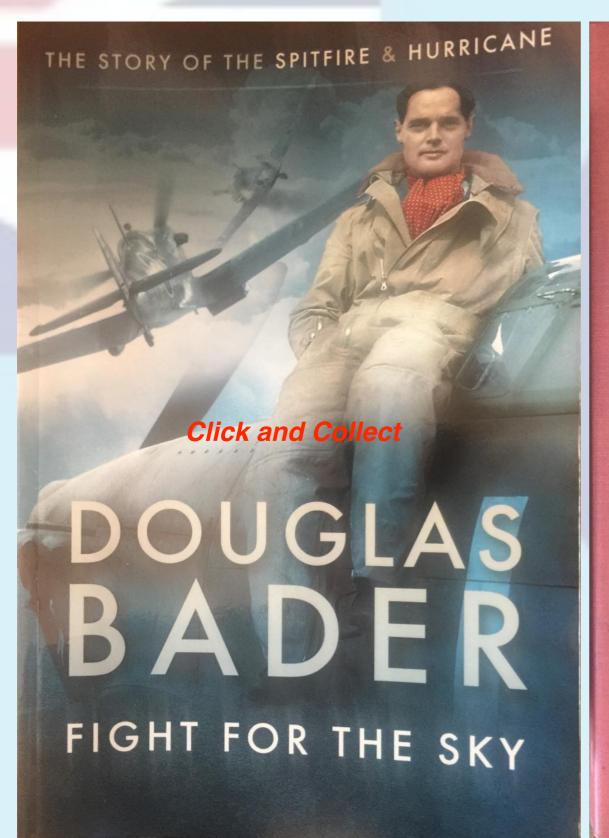
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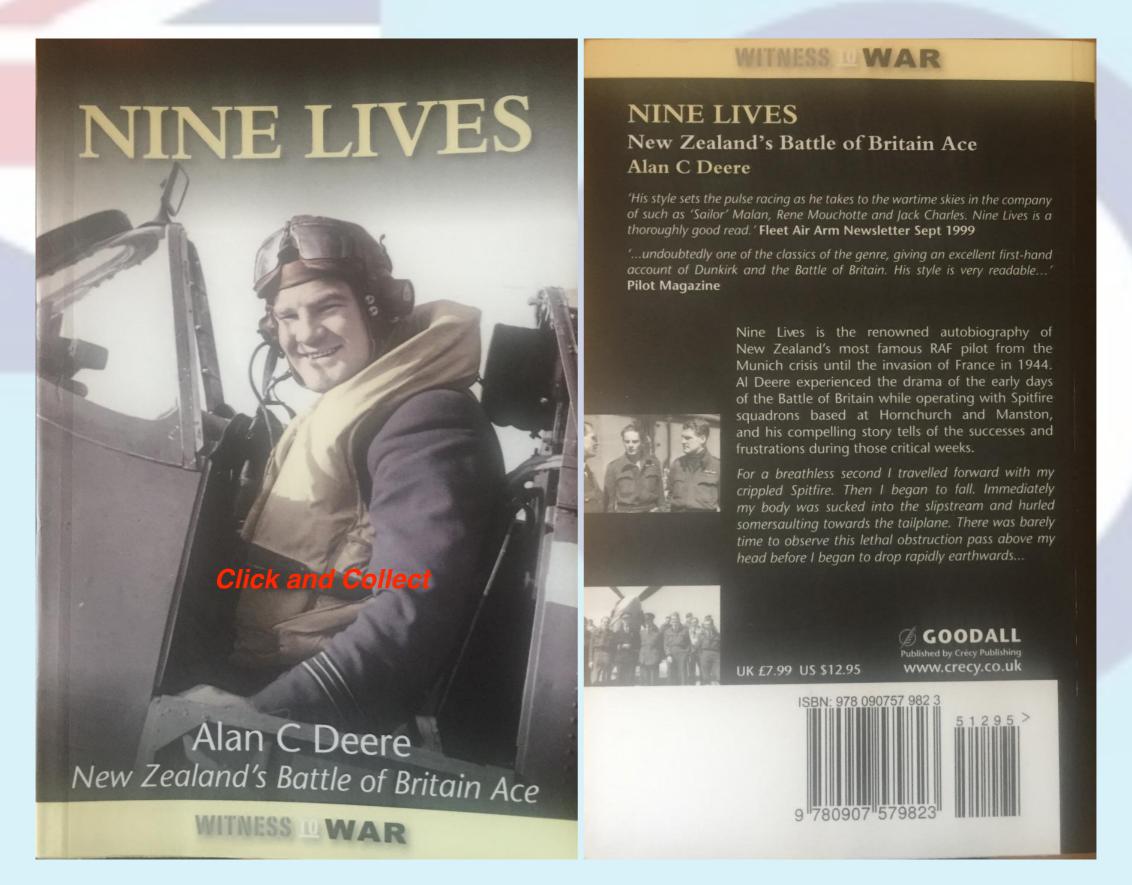
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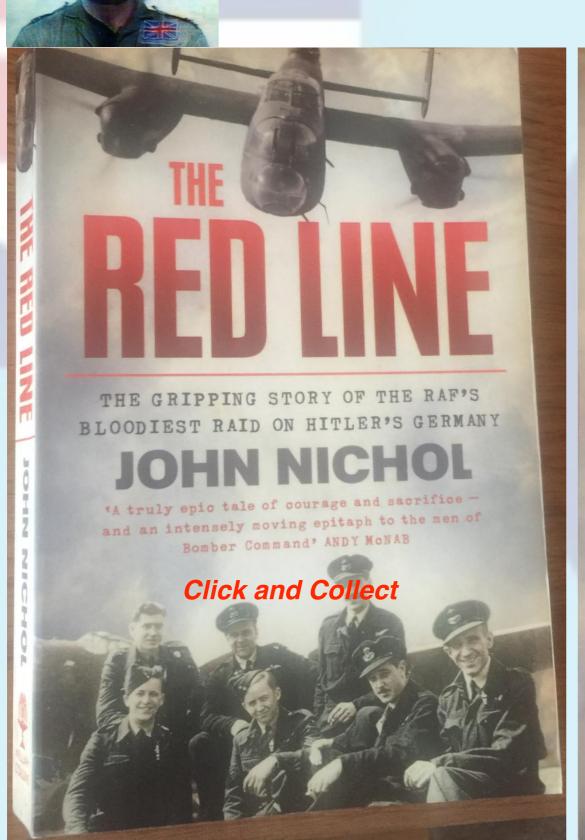




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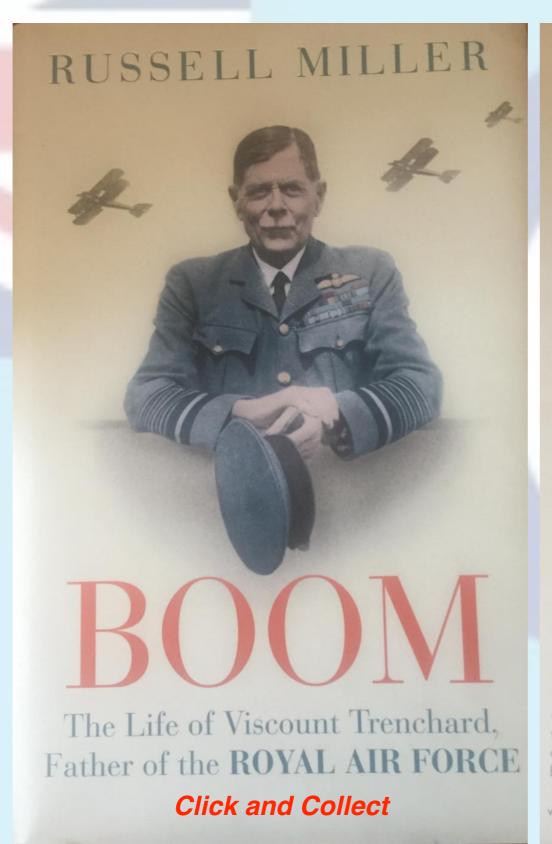
From its formation in the build-up to the Second World War to the acquisition of its first jet-powered aeroplanes, employed in 1944 to intercept German V-1 flying bombs, this richly illustrated book documents the life of 616 Squadron – one of the last of the twenty-one Royal Auxiliary Air Force Squadrons to be formed and the only Allied squadron to operate jets during the war.

Graham Pitchfork ended his distinguished RAF career as an Air Commodore and was station commander of Finningley, now Doncaster Robin Hood Airport, where as a boy he had watched aircraft through the perimeter fence, and where 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron was first formed. Brought up in South Yorkshire, he is a well-known aviation author and a regular contributor to the *Daily Telegraph*.



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Born in Taunton in 1873, Trenchard struggled at school, not helped by the shame of his solicitor-father's bankruptcy when he was sixteen. He failed entrance examinations to both the Royal Navy and the Army several times, eventually obtaining a commission through the 'back door' of the militia. After service in India, South Africa — where he was seriously wounded — and Nigeria, he found his destiny when he joined the fledgling Royal Flying Corps in 1912, where he was soon known as 'Boom' thanks to his stentorian voice.

Quick to recognise the huge potential aircraft offered in future conflicts, he rose rapidly to command the RFC in France during the First World War despite handicaps that would have blighted conventional military careers: he was obstinate, tactless, inarticulate and chronically unable to remember names — yet he was able to inspire unflagging loyalty among all ranks.

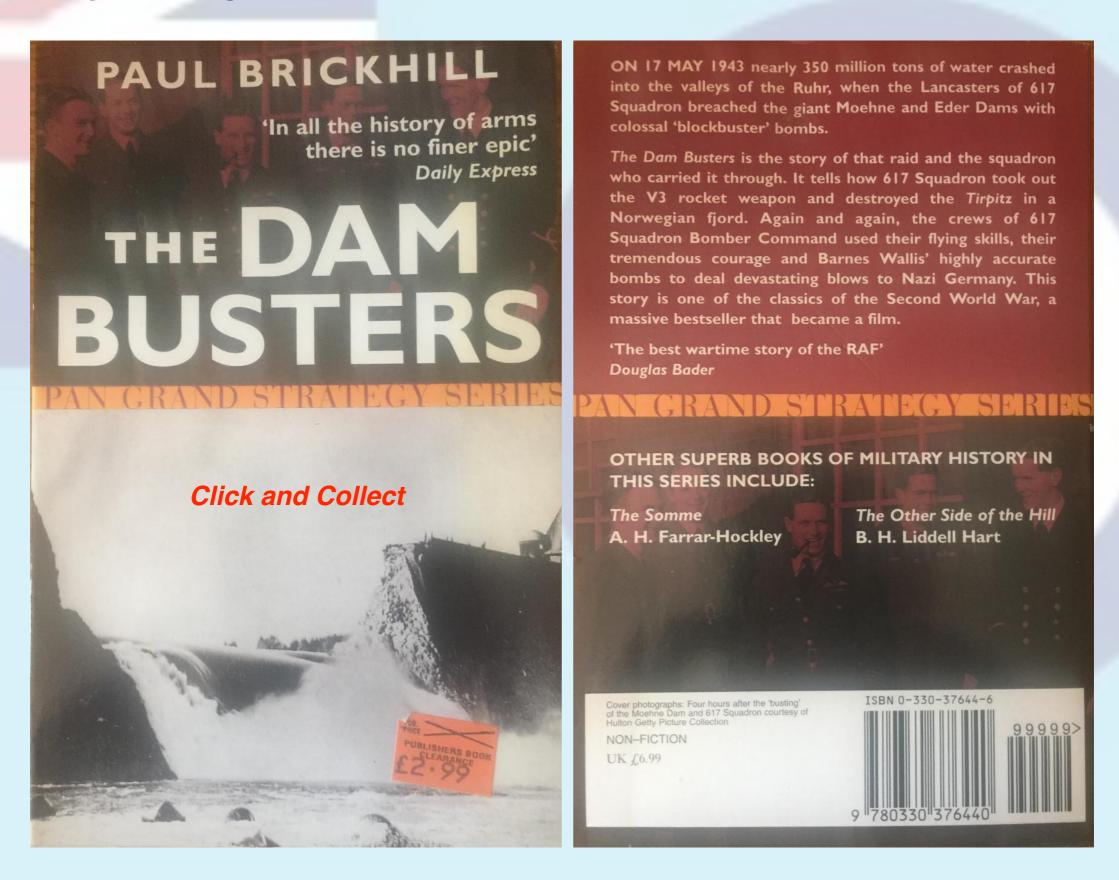
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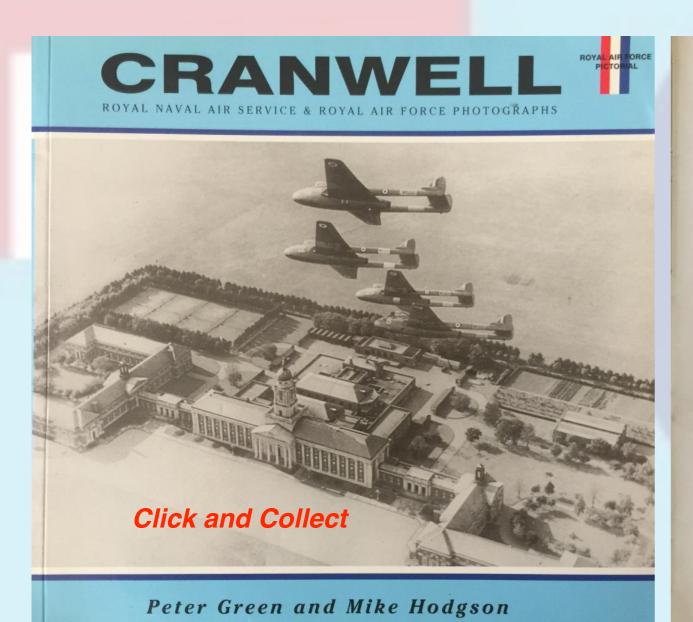
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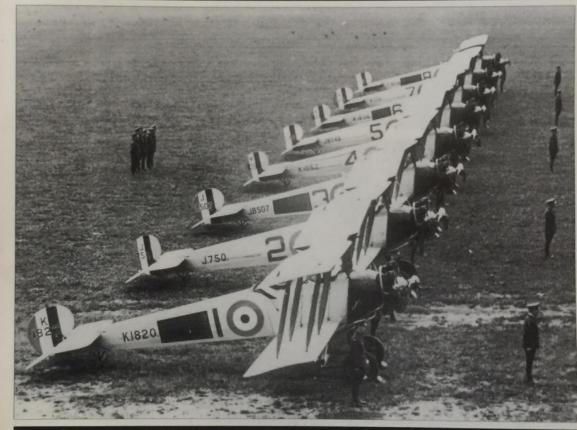




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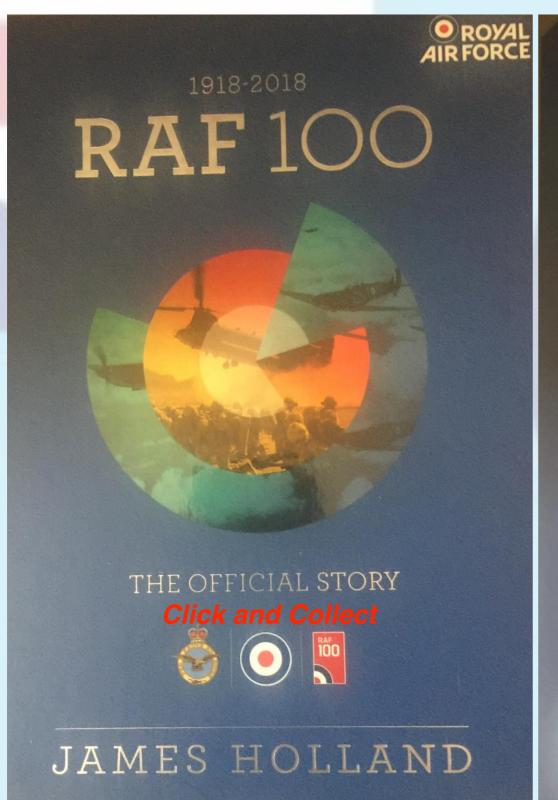


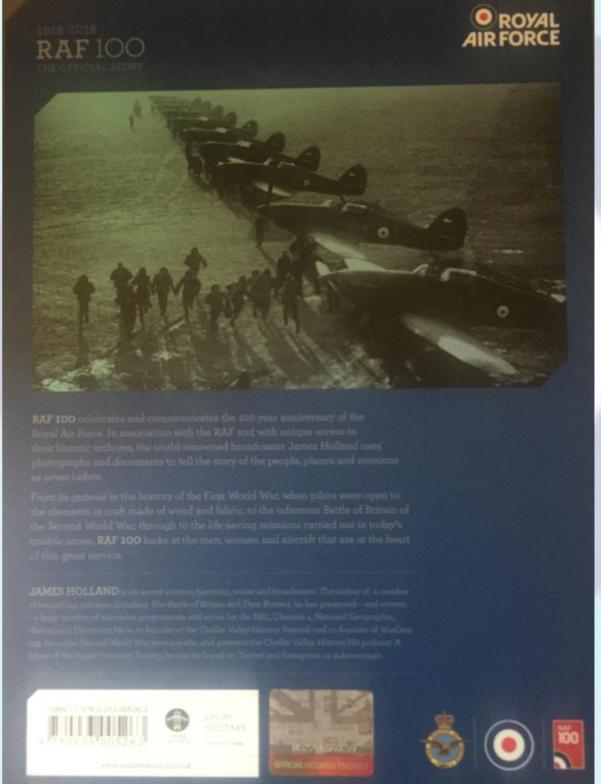




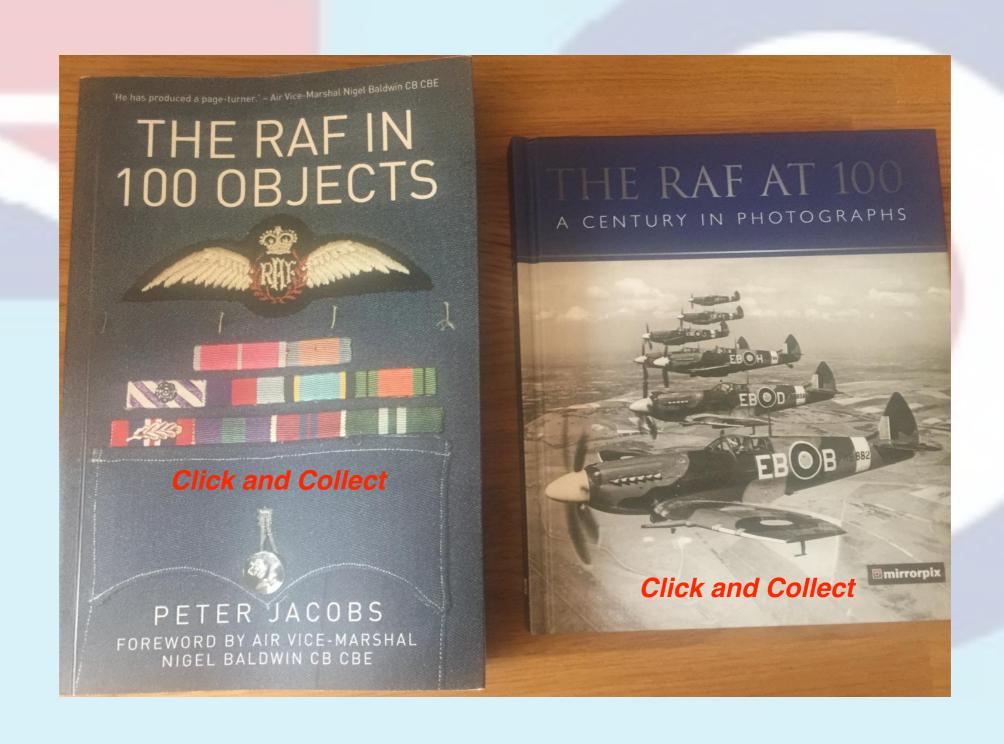
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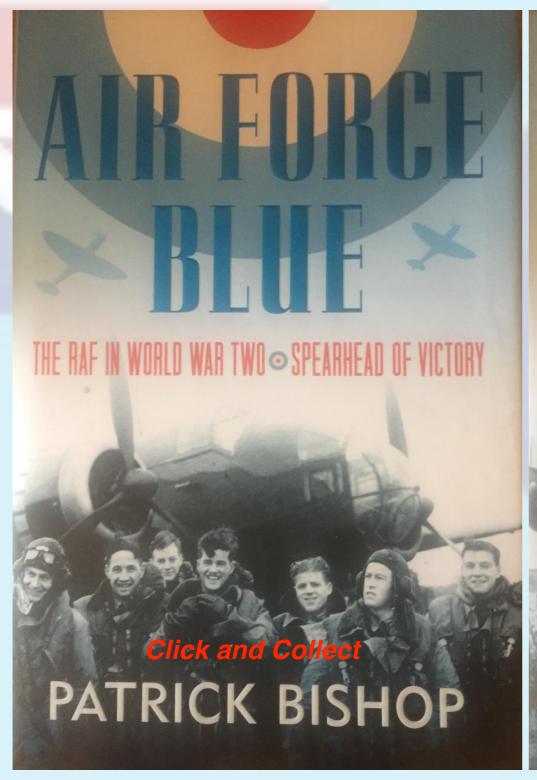


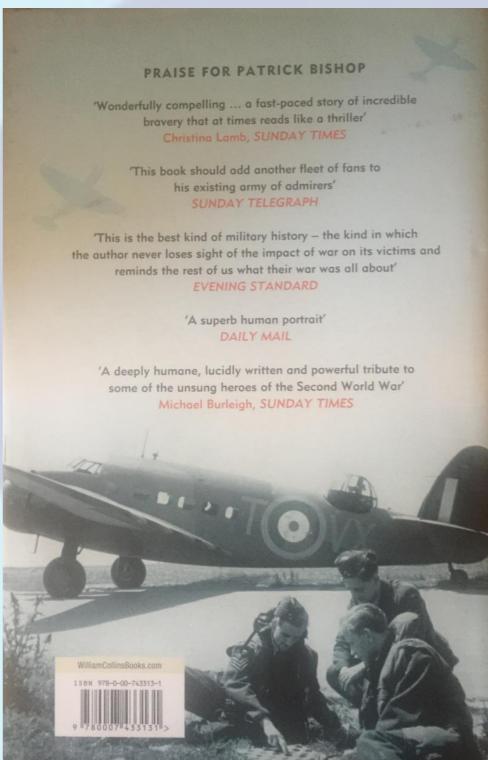


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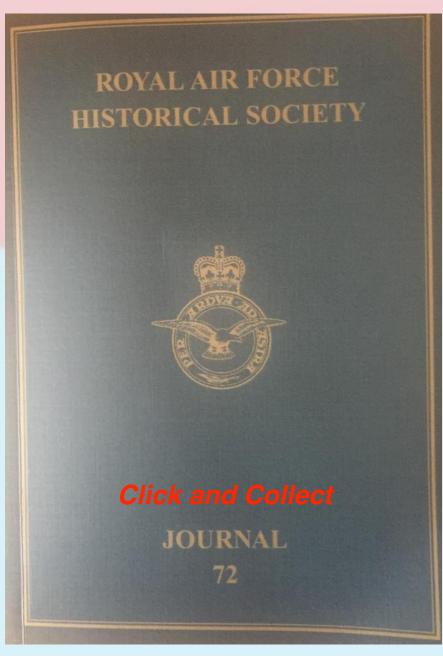


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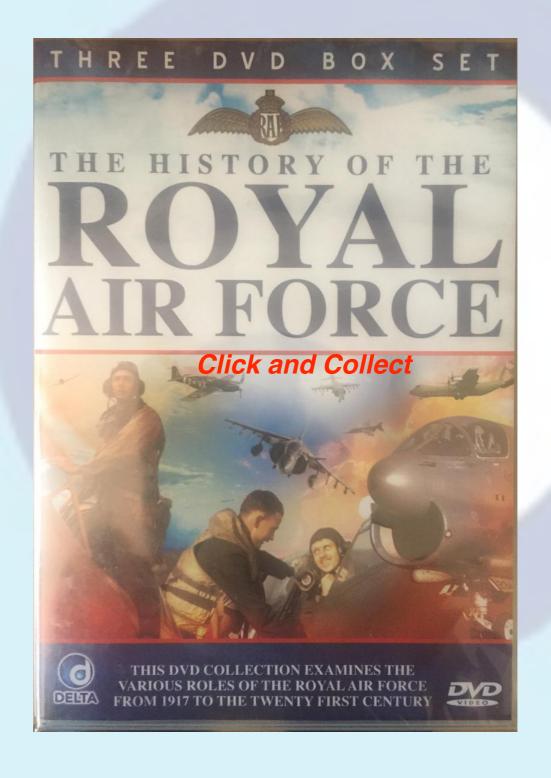
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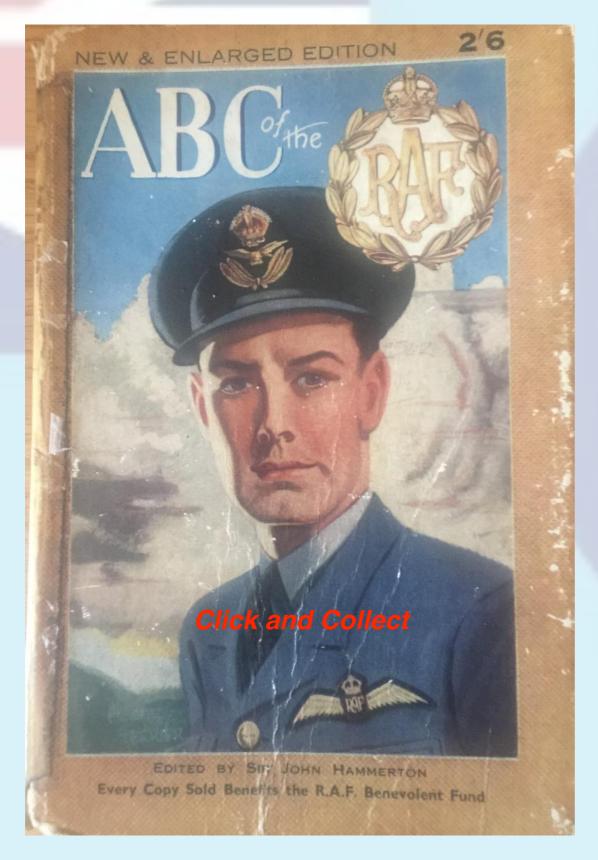
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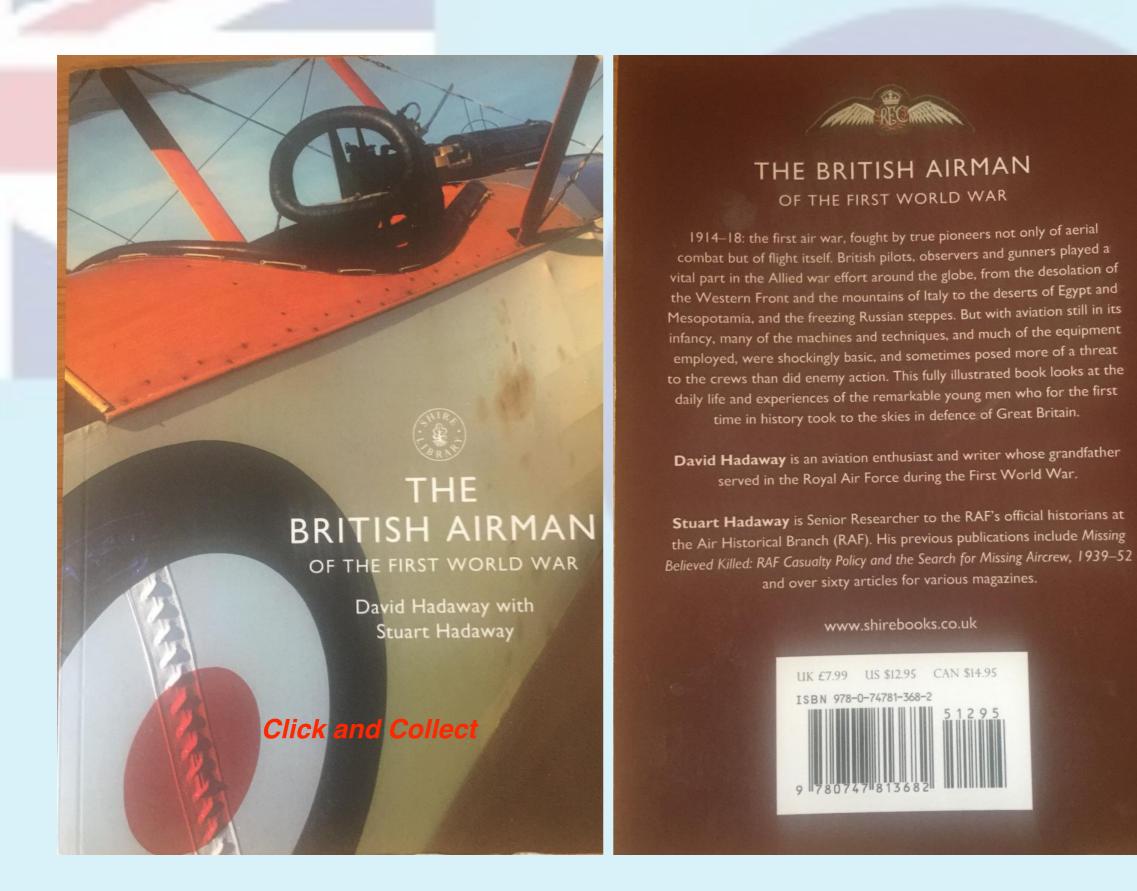
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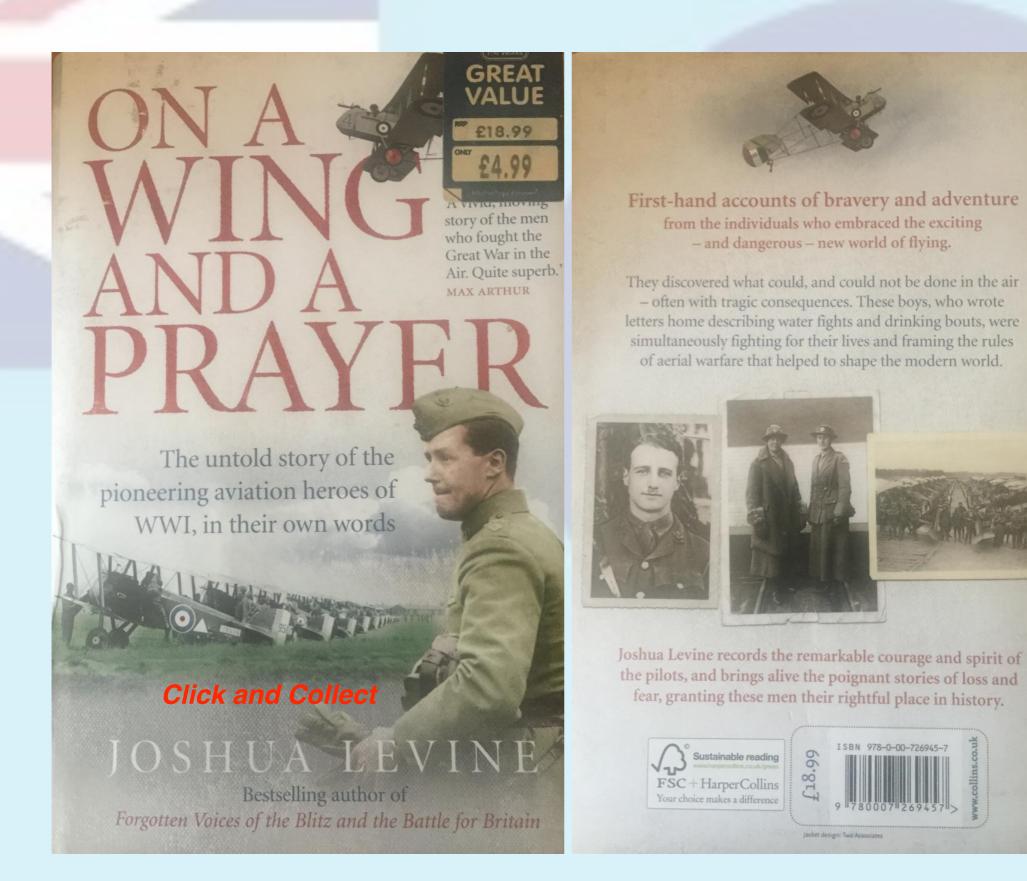
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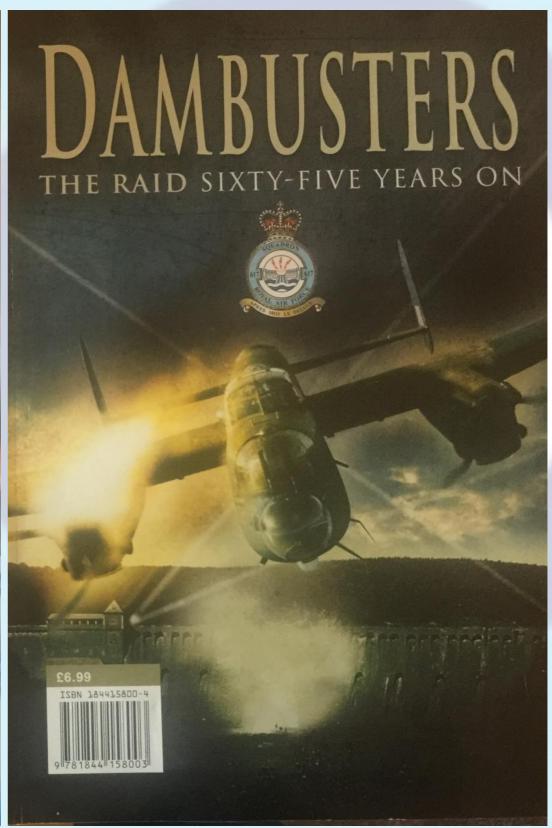


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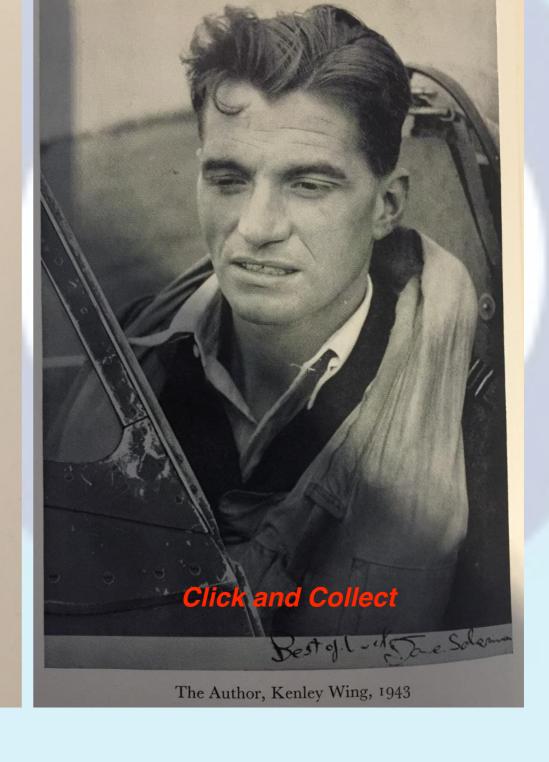
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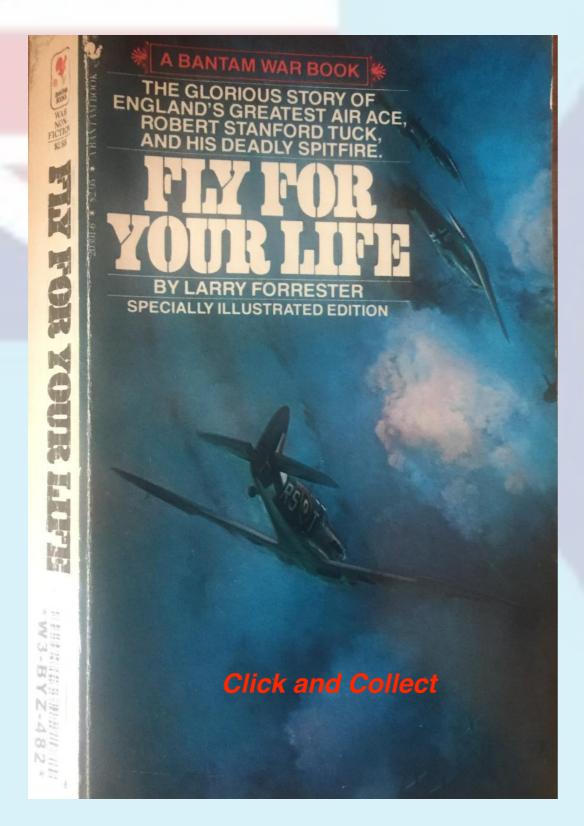
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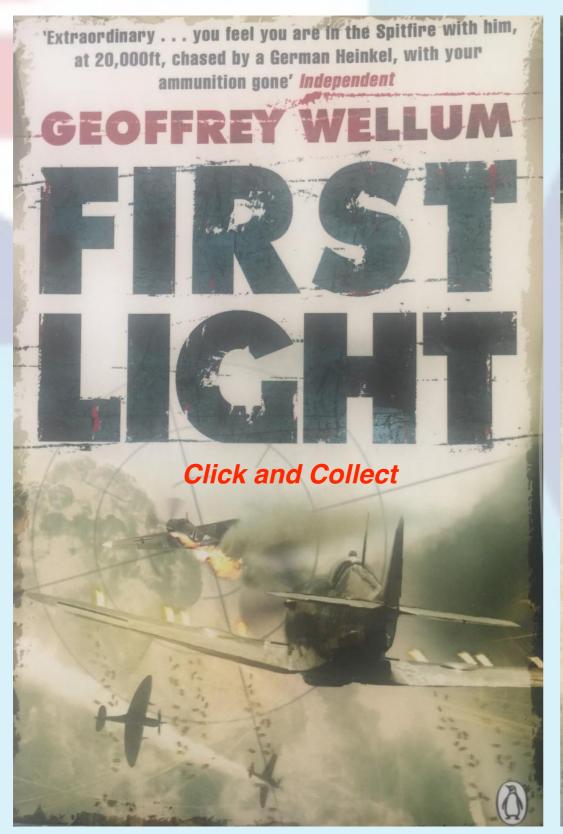


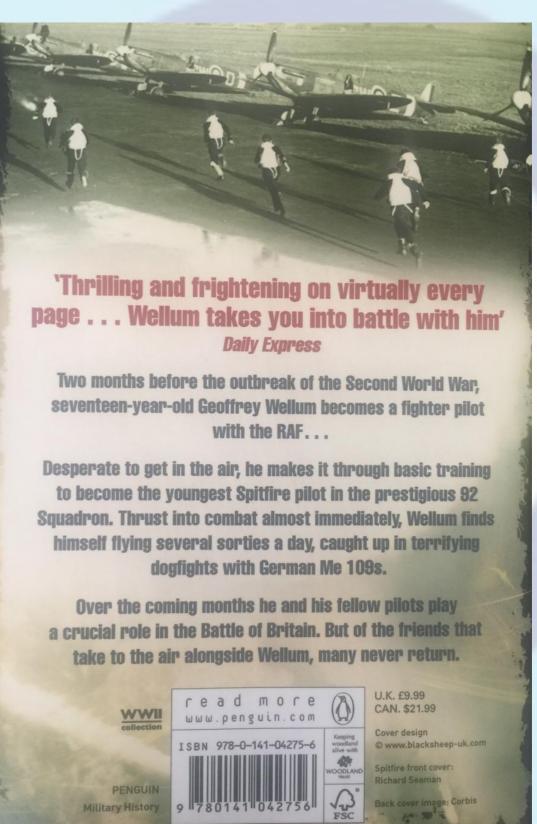
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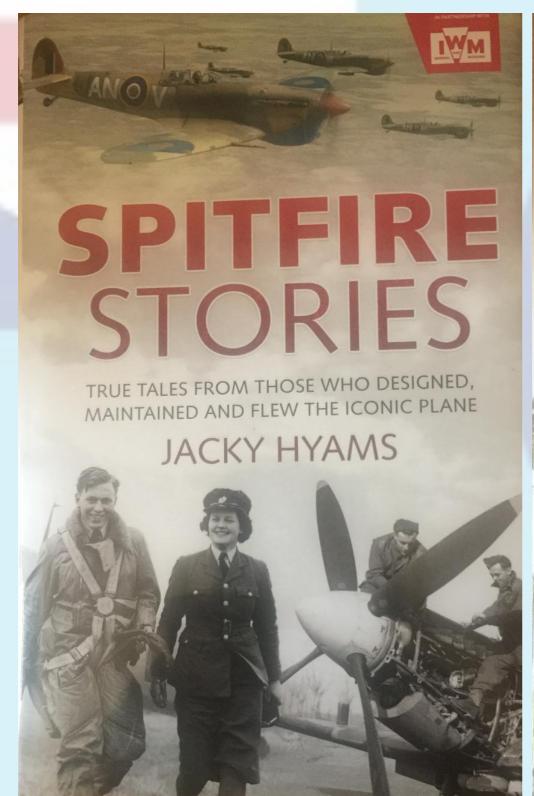
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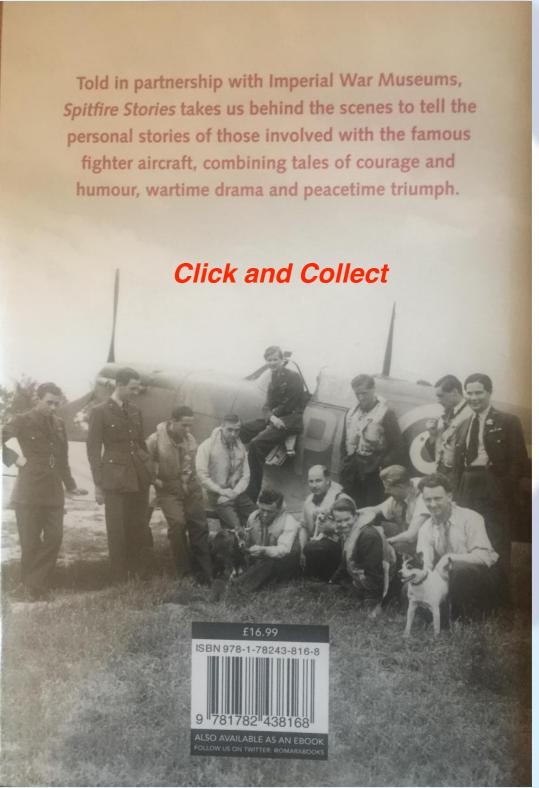
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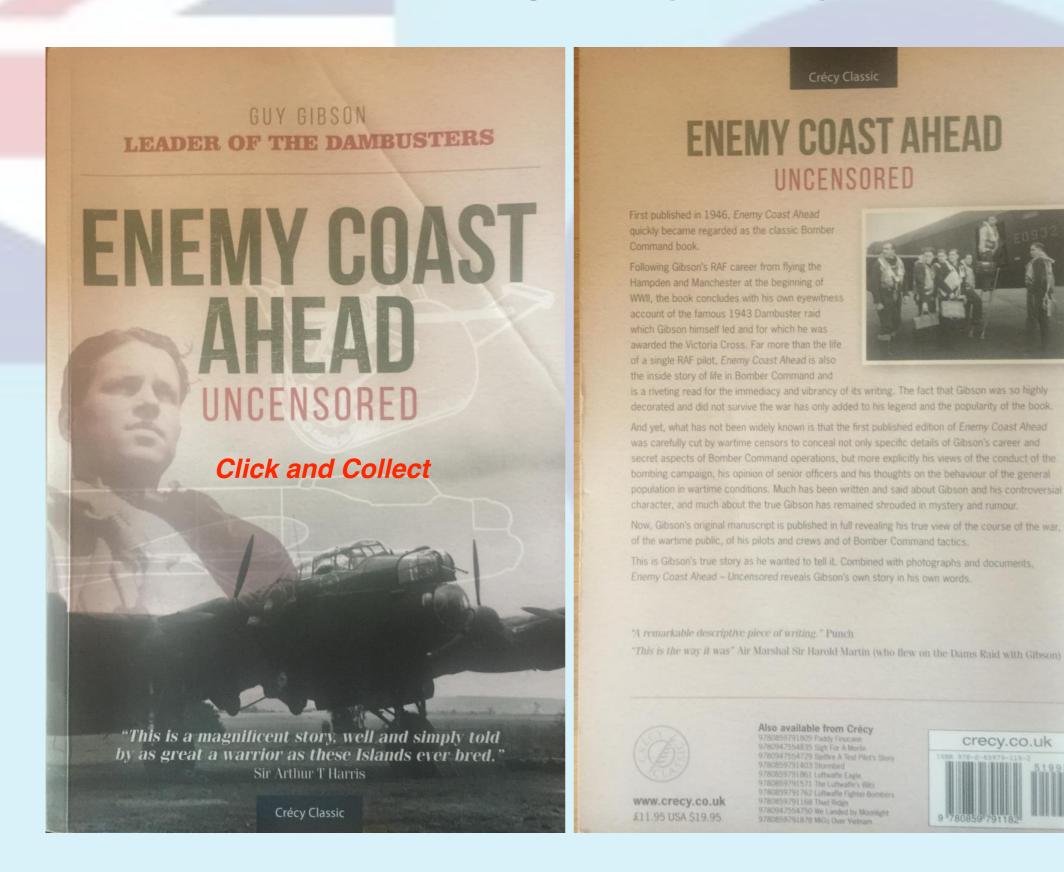


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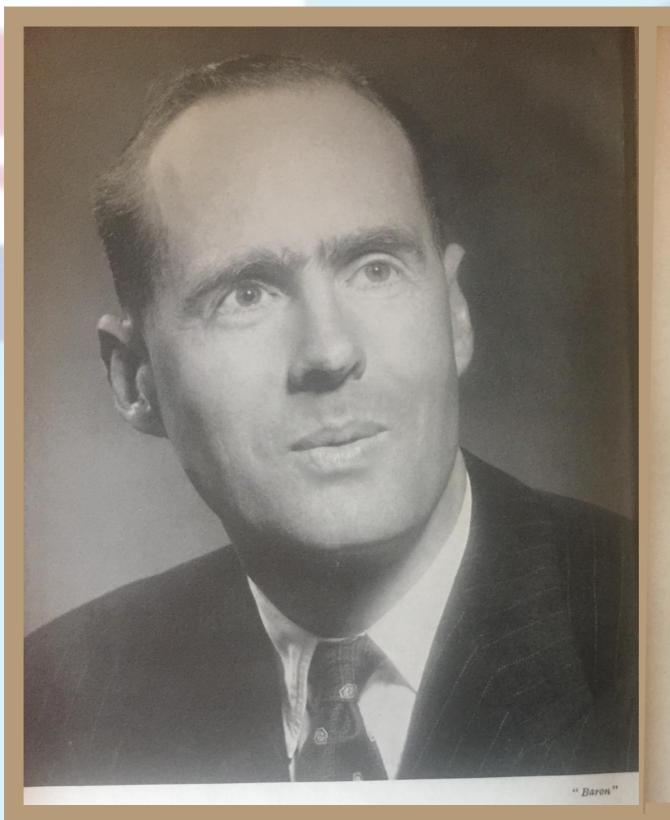




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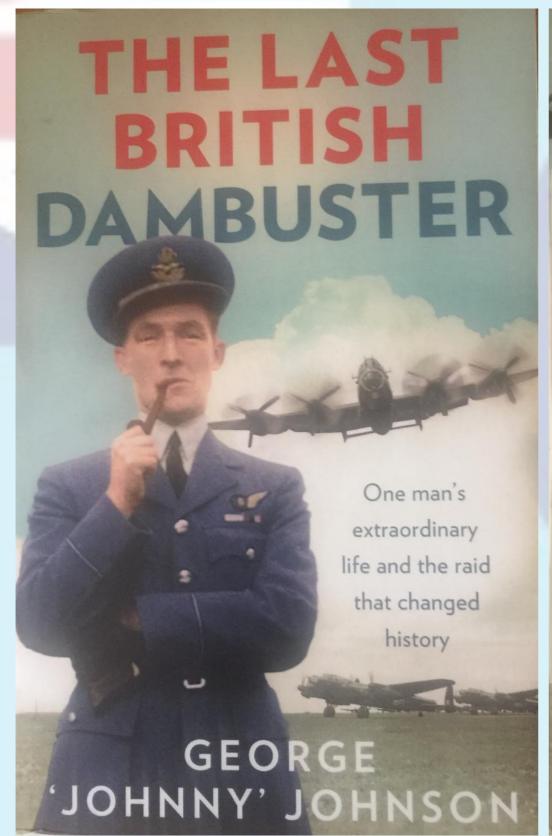
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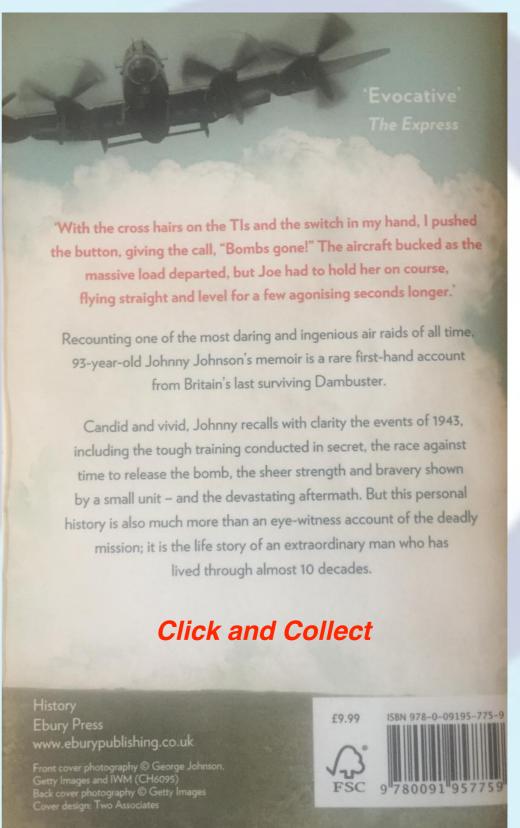
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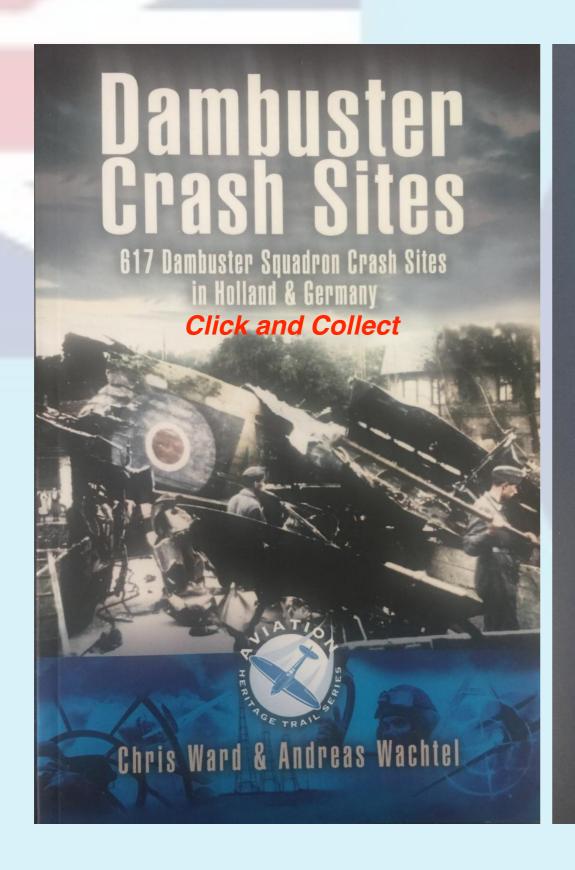
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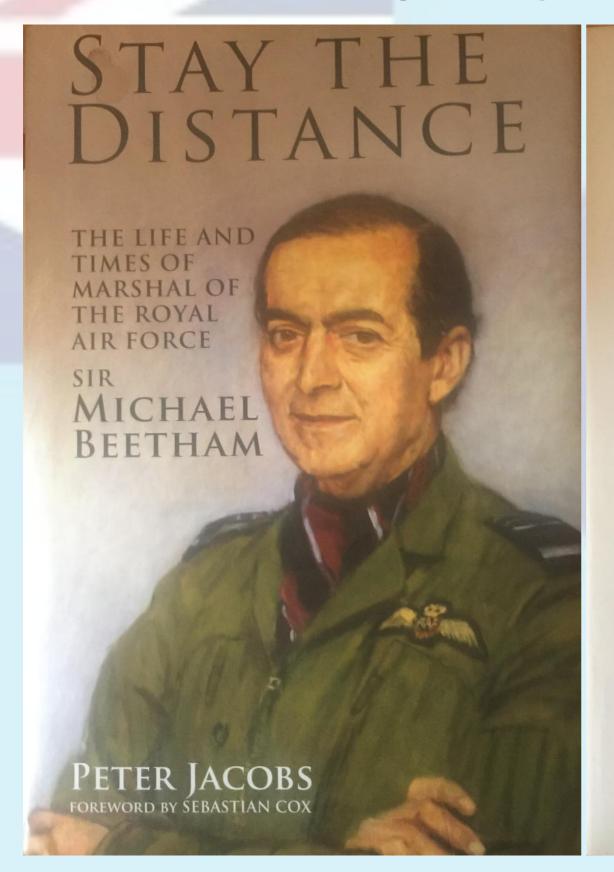
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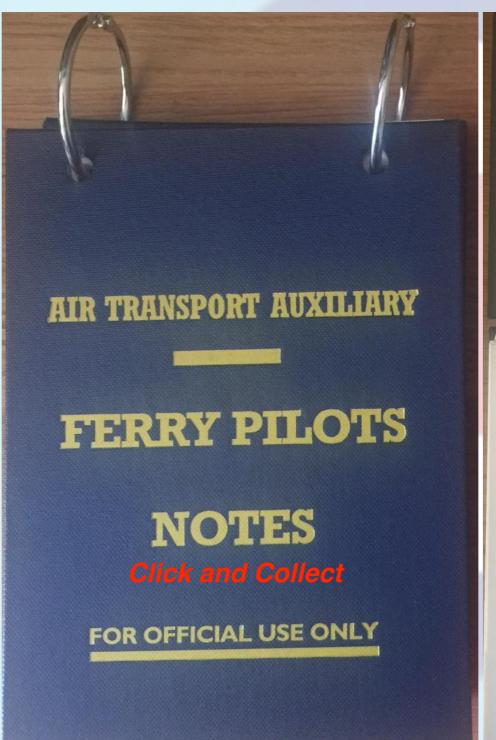
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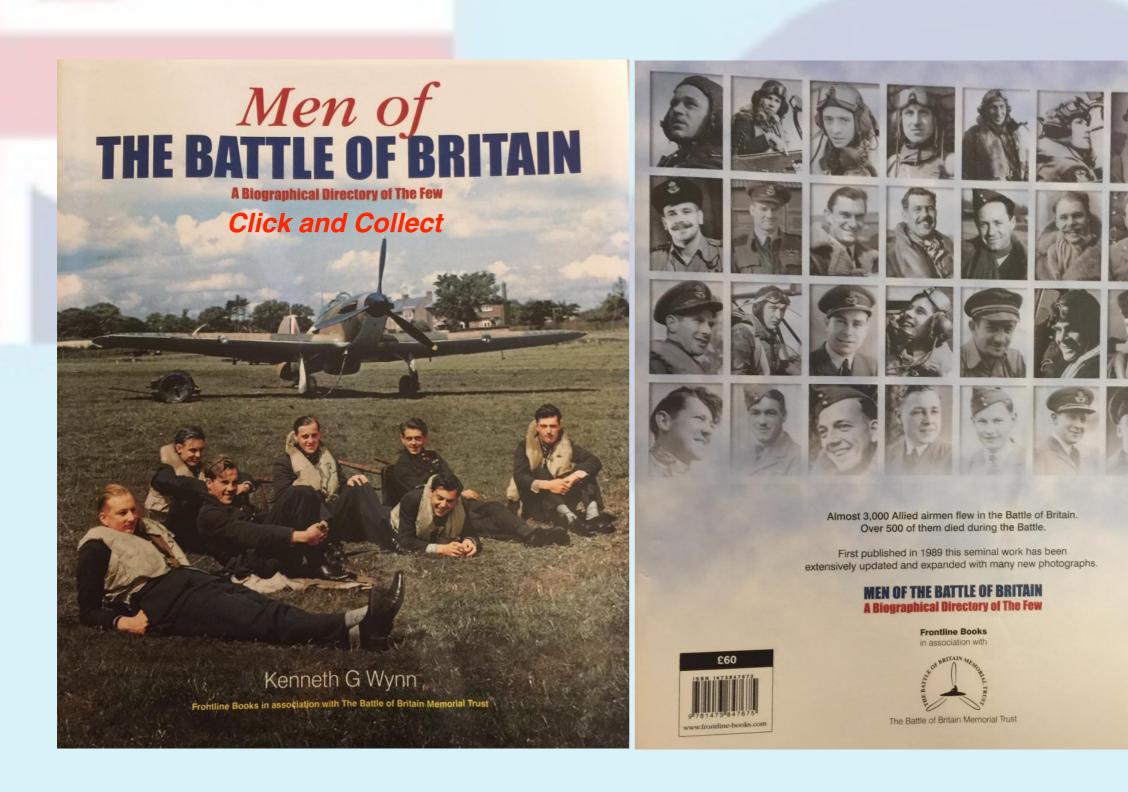
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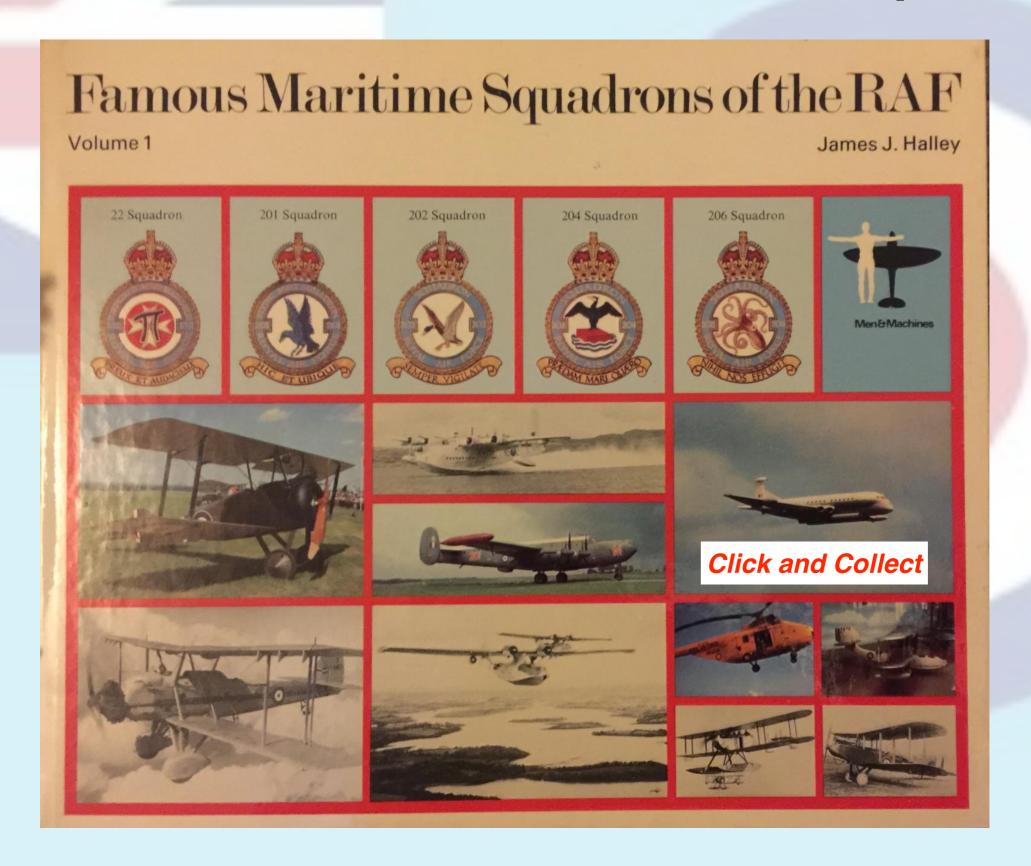
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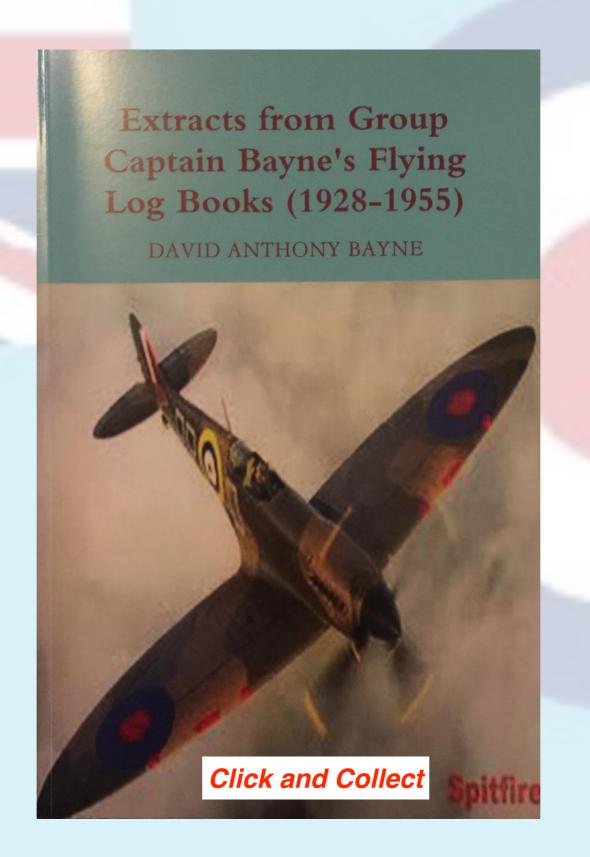
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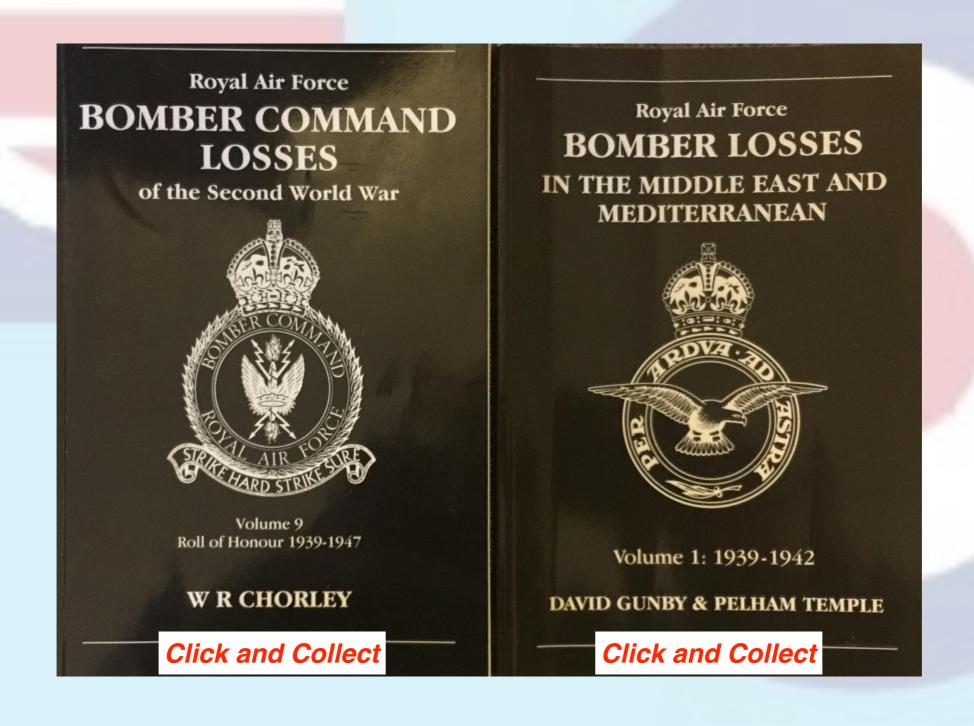
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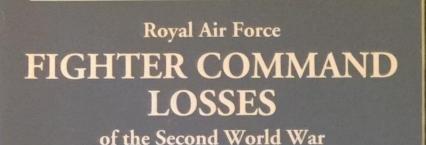
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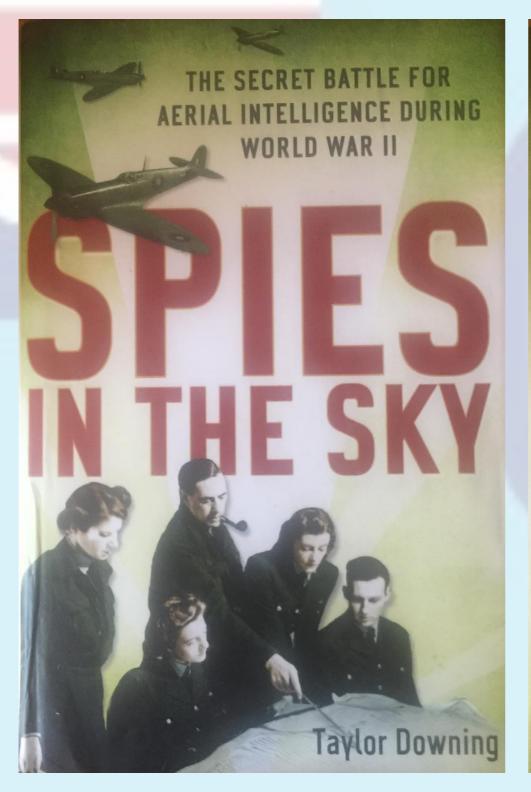
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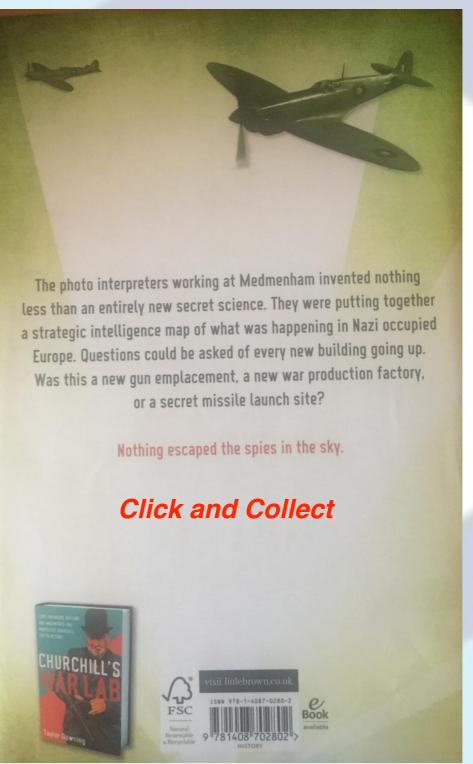


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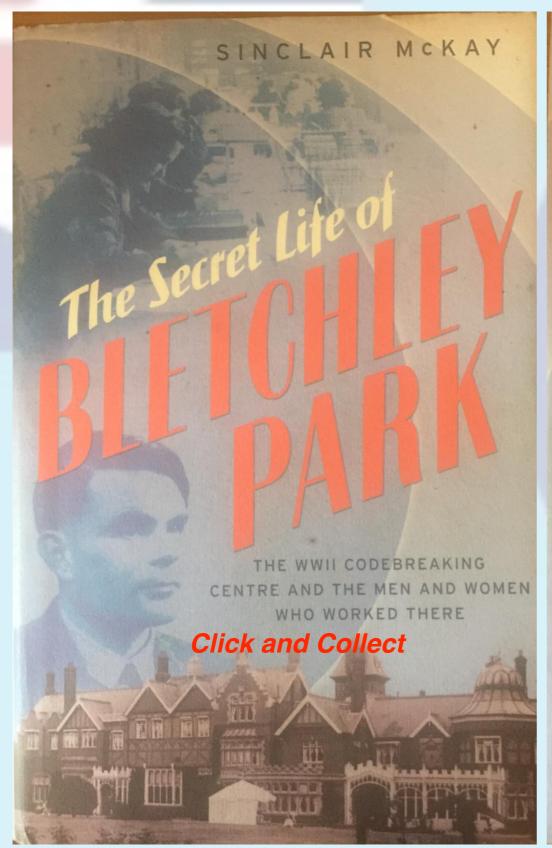
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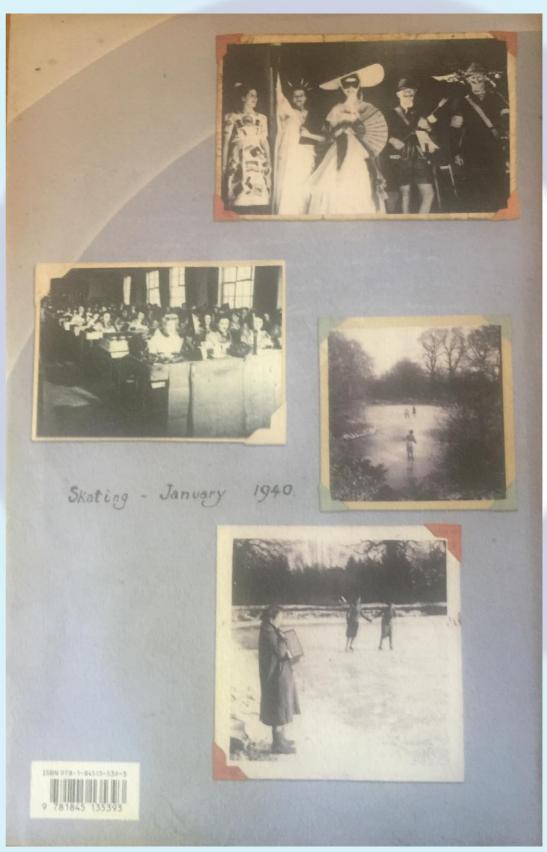
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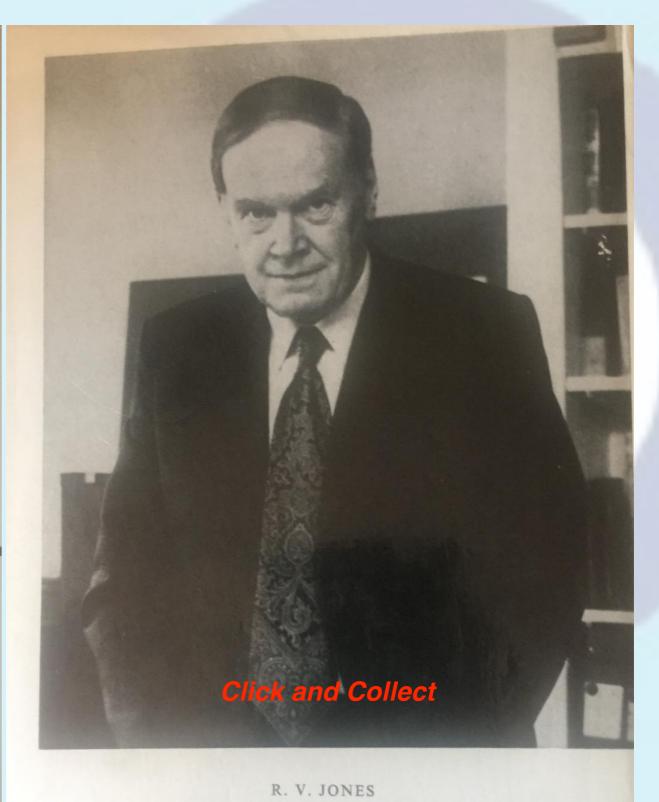




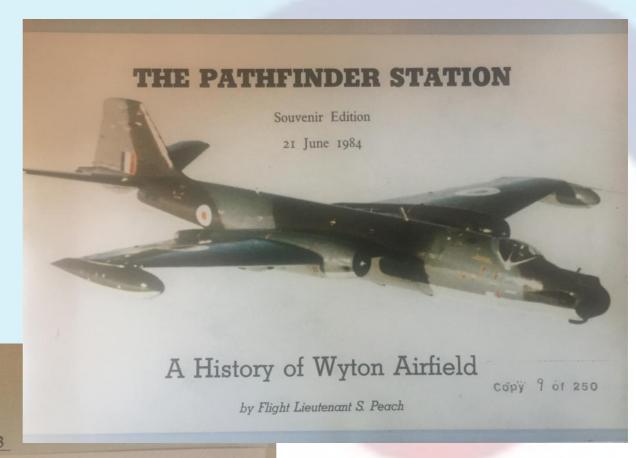
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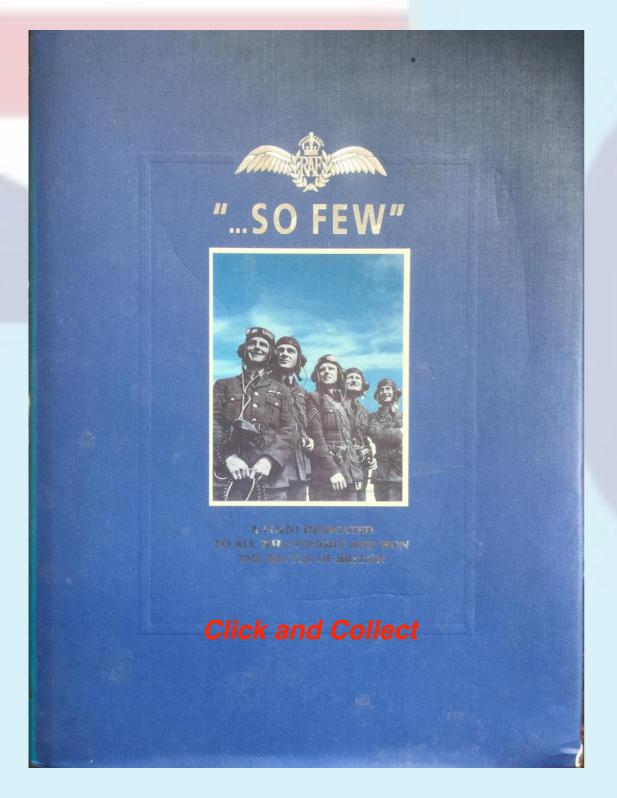
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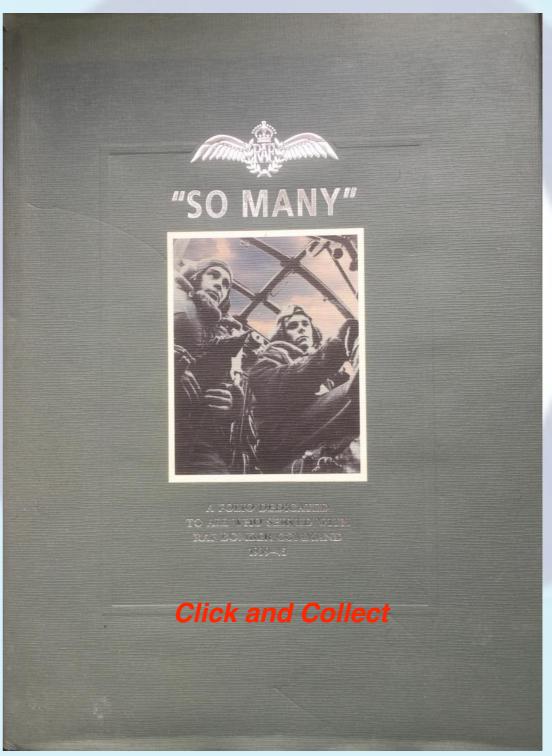
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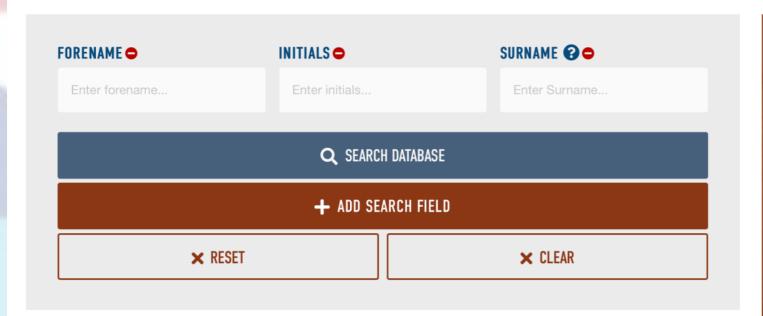


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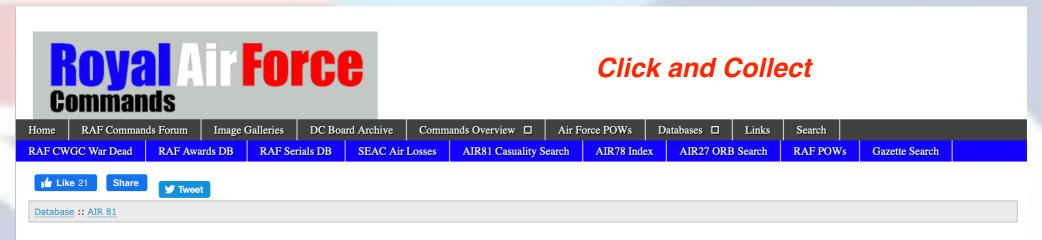
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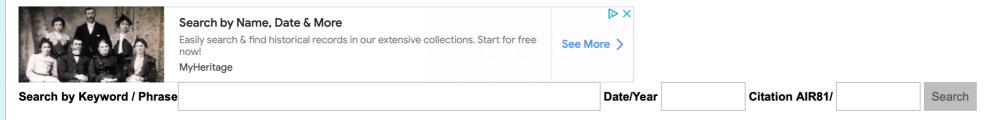


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