

# Names in the News



**BILL BURCHALL**, colorful pioneer member of Canada's aviation fraternity, died last month at his home at Carleton Place, Ontario, near Ottawa. Mr. Burchall was an honorary life member of the Air Industries & Transport Association, for which he was executive secretary on retirement in 1949.

• **J. M. (Monty) Bridgman**, vice president & general manager, Litton Systems (Canada) Ltd., has been appointed assistant general manager of the guidance and control systems division of Litton Systems, Woodland Hills, Calif. At the same time, Mr. Bridgman will continue to direct the activities of Litton (Canada).

• **E. C. Hodsoll**, operations manager of Litton Systems (Canada), will serve as senior resident executive at the Toronto head office of the Canadian subsidiary's operation.

Mr. Bridgman has already assumed responsibility for the management of various internal activities of the Woodland Hills division, including financial, industrial relations, facilities engineering, operations, product support, quality control, and the interface area between engineering and manufacturing.

• **John T. Gray** has been appointed counsel and examiner in the Legal Branch of the Air Transport Board. Mr. Gray succeeds the late G. R. Younger.

A native of Fredericton, N.B., Mr. Gray graduated from U.N.B. in 1950 in law. Following graduation he joined the Department of Justice as advisory counsel. In 1954 he returned to private practice in New Brunswick. During WW II, Mr. Gray served with the RCN.

• **Trans-Canada Air Lines** recently announced two executive appointments.

**J. E. Nickson**, formerly general sales director, has been named assistant vice president—sales. Mr. Nickson served with the RCAF

during the war, retiring in 1946 as a wing commander. He joined TCA in the same year and served in numerous sales department positions before becoming general sales director in 1956.

• **C. I. Taylor**, formerly director, sales management controls, has been named general manager, commercial planning. Mr. Taylor joined TCA in 1949 and has held positions in the airline's sales planning department.

• **John D. MacNaughton** has joined the special products division of The de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. as chief mechanical development engineer.

In this position, Mr. MacNaughton will be responsible for the development of the division's mechanical product lines. Prior to his latest appointment, Mr. MacNaughton was engineering manager of Garrett Manufacturing Ltd.

• **William B. Burchall**, one of the best known and most colorful figures in Canada's aviation history, passed away at Carleton Place, Ont., March 20. Mr. Burchall was an honorary life member of the Aviation League of Manitoba and of the AITA.

Born and educated in England and Scotland, he came to Winnipeg in the early 1900's to enter the automobile business. In 1915 he returned to England as chief works inspector of Sopwith Aviation Co. He returned to Canada again in 1927 to become associated with Western Canada Airways and associated flying schools. In 1930 he became co-manager with the late T. M. (Pat) Reid of Prairie Goodwill Air Tours.

He was a founder member of the Winnipeg Flying Club.

Mr. Burchall participated in the first flight by scheduled air service between Canada and London, England, crossing the North Atlantic in the airship Hindenberg in 1936.

In 1937 Mr. Burchall became the first representative at Ottawa for the Commercial Air Transport and Manufacturers Association of Canada (now AITA) where he later became executive secretary. He retired from this post in 1949. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

• **Group Captain (Rtd.) C. W. Crossland**, a senior engineer at Canadair Ltd., died in February. He was a founding member of the Canadian Aeronautical Institute in 1953 and a member of the steering committee which laid the groundwork for the formation of the CAI.

Born in Barrie, Ont., G/C Crossland was educated at McGill University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1933 he returned to Canada as an aeronautical engineer with the Department of National Defence. He joined the RCAF in 1939 and remained in the service after the war until his retirement in 1959. G/C Crossland joined Canadair that same year.

• **Peter R. Cope**, one time Avro Aircraft engineering test pilot and one of the four men to fly the CF-105 Arrow, recently moved to the U.S. where he has joined The Boeing Company as a service engineer.

• **George A. Tinnerman III** has been appointed general sales manager for Dominion Fasteners Ltd.

In addition to sales for the established line of Speed Nut fasteners, Mr. Tinnerman's duties will cover sales for a new line of plastic fasteners to be manufactured under Tinnerman patents.

• **British Aircraft Corp.** announces two new executive appointments. **R. C. Handasyde** has been appointed civil aircraft sales manager, and **J. K. Quill** becomes military aircraft sales manager.



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