

Minister of National Defence and, in our hearing, said, "We must quickly demobilize the women!"

Later we put our heads together to try and fathom what the Prime Minister meant by the remark.

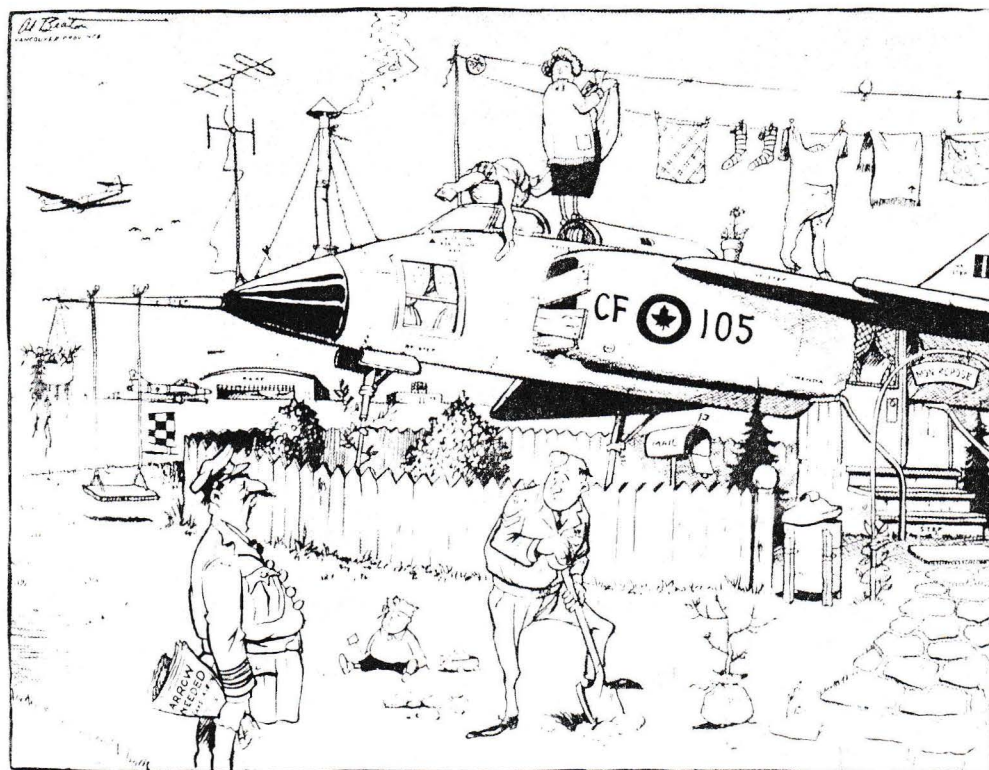
It was my job to visit the Canadian squadrons of Tiger Force at two east coast bases and tell them, after "the bomb" had been dropped, that their services were no longer required and the war was over.

"Air Marshal Slemon would like it back" was the caption for this famed Vancouver Province cartoon by the late Al Beaton.

It was in the late 50s that the Avro Arrow project was cancelled due to unexpected cost overruns.

"A sad page in Canadian history", recalls the Air Marshal "... and to destroy those Arrows that were actually flying ... I can never understand their thinking!"

The Arrow controversy raged shortly after Air Marshal Slemon was named Deputy C-in-C of NORAD in 1957, a position he accepted after a four year tour as CAS.



Best Regards!  
Al Beaton  
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**WINGS OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES**, by Major Roy Thompson. Paper back, 111 pages, 120 photographs. Available from the author, 200 Glenforest Drive, Apt. 10, Halifax, N.S. Price \$5.00.

Over the years there has been published a large amount of reference material concerning army badges, regimental and corps flashes. At times Canadian airmen must have wondered if they were not the forgotten souls in having their insignia researched, catalogued and published as a historical reminder of their contribution to Canada in

war and peace.

This drought is now over and the void has been filled by the publication of this new book by Major Roy Thompson, an airman and noted collector and authority on military insignia.

The forward to this book has been written by Group Captain R. "Bob" Braham, RCAF (Ret'd), the most decorated RAF fighter pilot of World War II and author of the best seller "Night Fighter". In this forward, Group Captain Braham states, "military airmen all over the world consider themselves the elite of their countries armed forces and the wing, be it pilot, navigator, engineer, airborne technician or para-rescue, is the visible symbol of their pride and efficiency".

This visible symbol is well portrayed in the paragraphs and text of this first of a kind book. Every wing ever worn by Canadian servicemen, in all their variations, including dates of authorization and in some

cases, special areas where a certain type of wing was worn, appear in the book.

Also included are wings presented for various deeds of daring, such as the G & Q Club, Late Arrivals Badge, Goldfish and Guinea Pig Clubs and the special insignia of the Carterpillar Club.

Every flier will welcome the arrival of this book on the market and of course every collector of military insignia should hasten to obtain a copy for his reference library. This is the first time that the symbols of 60 years of Canadian aviation has been rounded up, researched, catalogued and published.

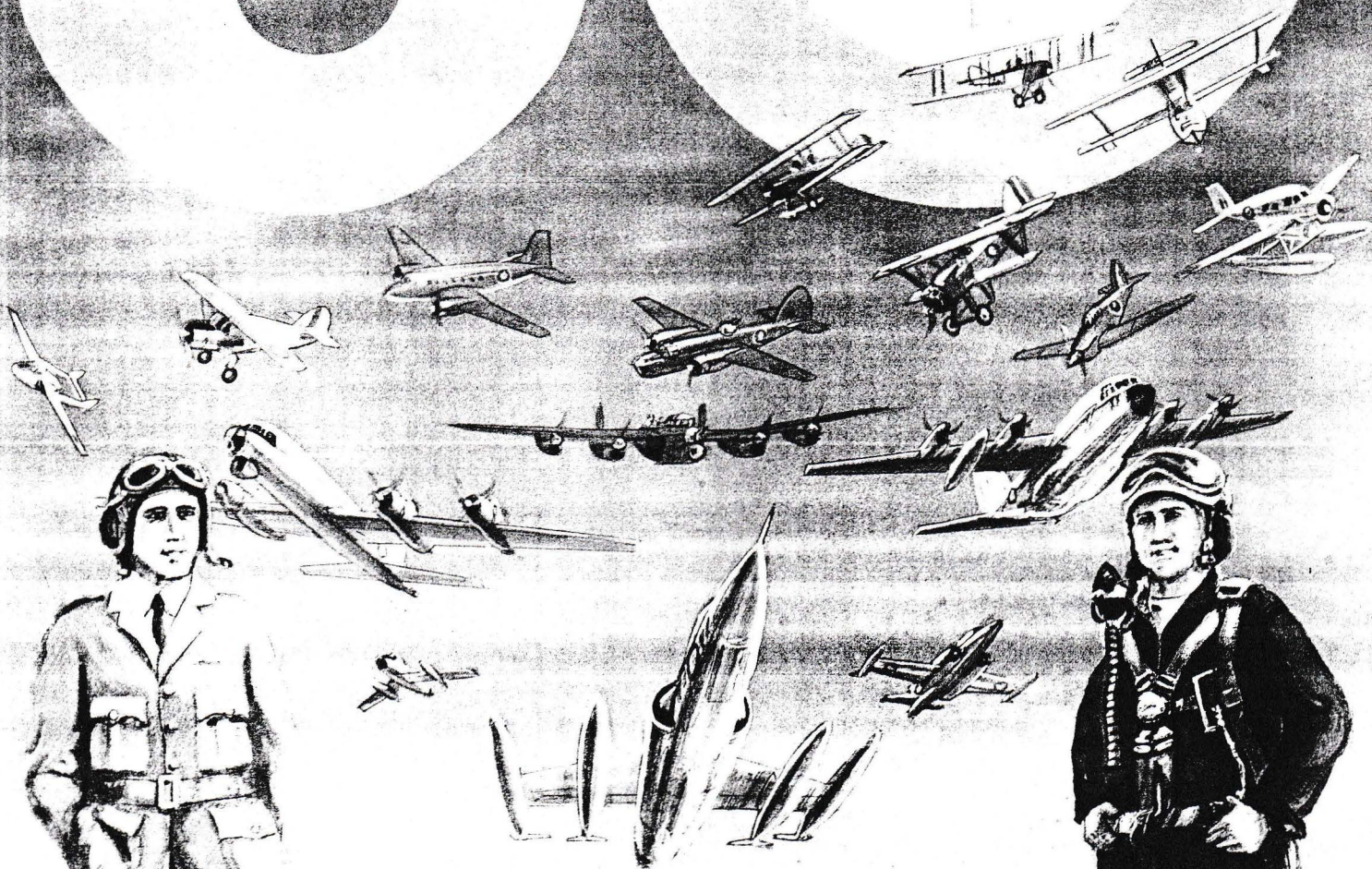
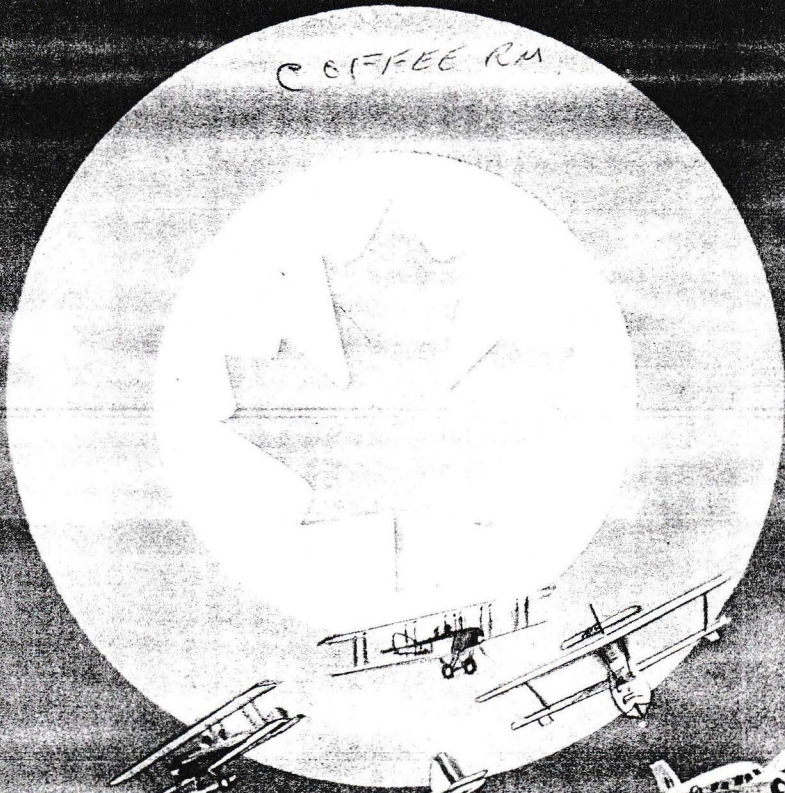
This volume is one of a series published by Major Thompson. His first book, Cap Badges of the Canadian Officers Training Corps has been on the market for about one year now and we can expect to see his third volume, Cap Badges and Insignia of the Canadian Forces 1953-1973 on the bookshelves in January ... Major G.R. Bowen (Ret'd)



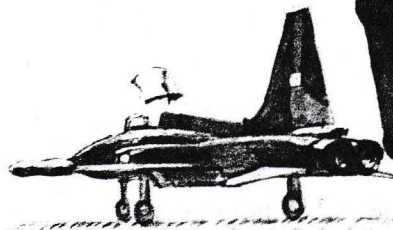
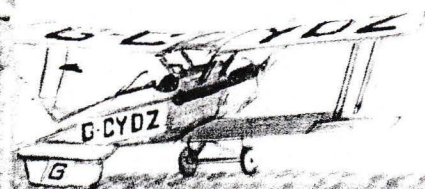
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