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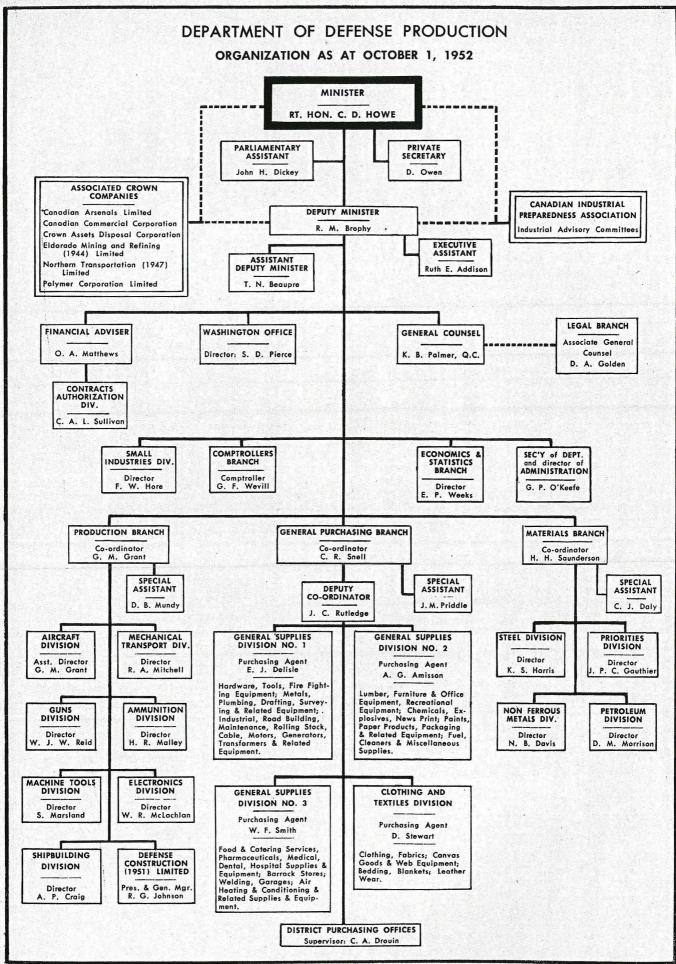
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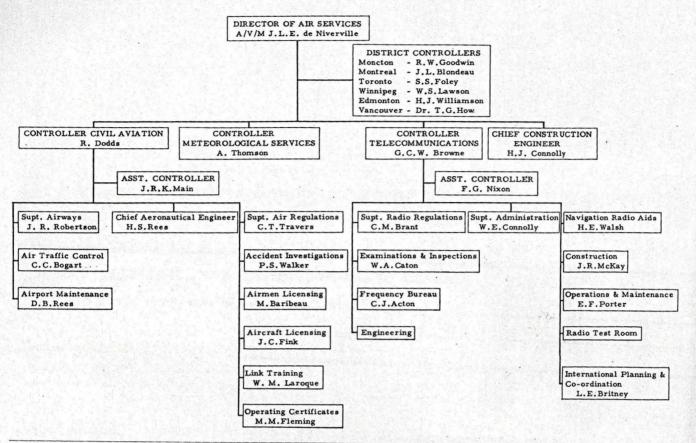
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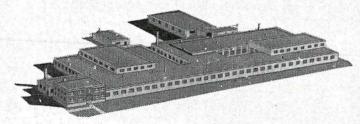
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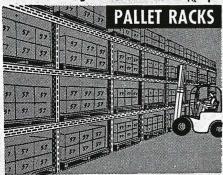
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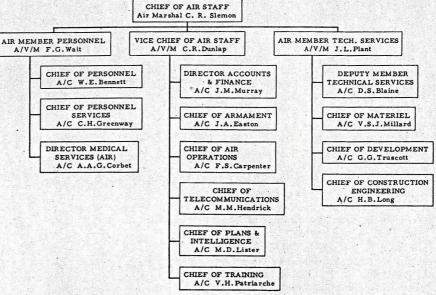
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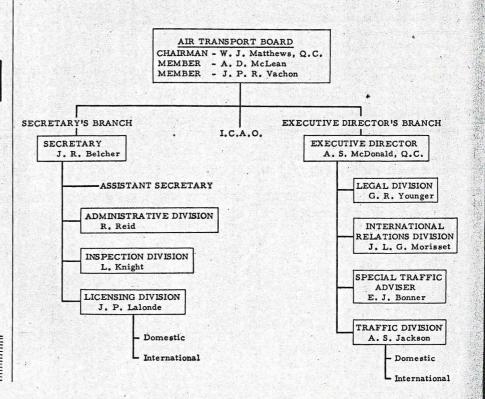
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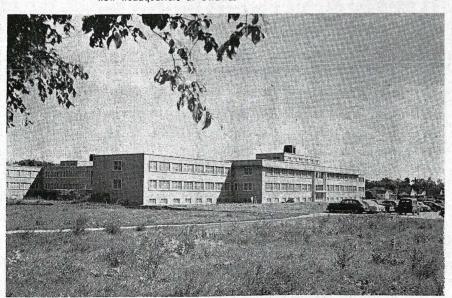
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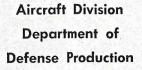
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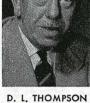
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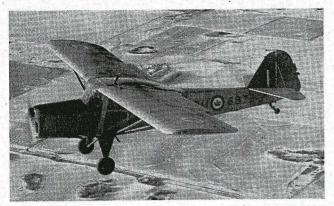
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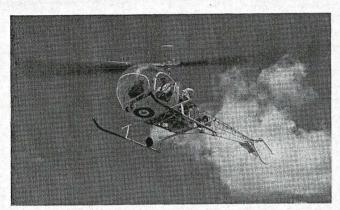


AUSTER A.O.P.6

Builder: Auster Aircraft Type: Air Observation Power Plant: 145 hp DH Major Span: 36' Length: 23' 9" Max. Speed: 124 mph. Climb: 810 fpm.

Weight loaded: 2,160 lbs.

Remarks: 36 of modified variant supplied to RCAF. A.O.P.6 and T.7 differ internally only, the T.7 having side-by-side seating for pupil and instructor.

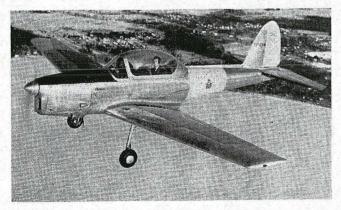


BELL 47D

Builder: Bell Type: Transport Power Plant: Franklin 178 hp. Weight empty: 1,380 lbs. Weight loaded: 2,150 lbs.

Rotor diam .: 35' 1 1/2" Length: 41' 5" Max. Speed: 98 mph. Range: 170 miles Climb: 920 fpm.

Remarks: First produced in 1947. Many variations since then.

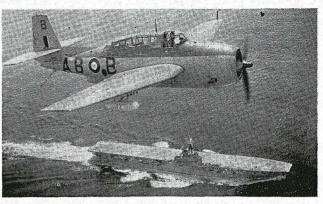


CHIPMUNK

Builder: De Havilland Canada Type: Trainer Power Plant: Gipsy Major 145 hp. Max. Speed: 138 mph. Weight empty: 1,425 lbs. Weight loaded: 2,014 lbs.

Span: 34' 4" Length: 25' 5" Range: 280 miles Climb: 840 fpm.

Remarks: Used by RCAF Reserve. 158 built in Canada, and designated T.30. Specs. for T.10 and T.20. Factory designation DHC-1.



AVENGER

Builder: Eastern Aircraft Div. Type: Anti-sub. Power Plant: Wright 1,750 hp. Weight loaded: 15,536 lbs. Span: 54' 2".

Length: 40' 0". Max. Speed: 278 mph. Range: 905 miles. Ceiling: 22,600 ft.

Remarks: RCN operates 100. Designed and originally built by Grumman, entire production taken over in 1942 by Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors. Specs for TBM-3 version.

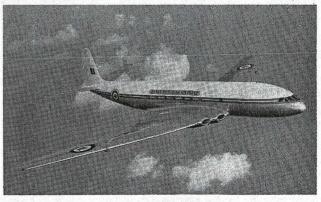


BRITANNIA

Builder: Bristol Type: Transport Power Plant: 13,800 hp plus 1,200 lbs. s.t. Bristol Proteus. Weight empty: N.D.A.

Weight loaded: 140,000 lbs. Span: 14' 0" Length: 114' 0" Max. Speed: 400 mph. Range: 3,600 miles

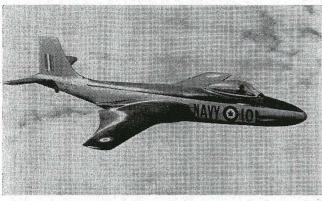
Remarks: Canadair has contract to build 50 maritime reconnaissance versions powered with U. S. Wright 3350 turbo compound engines. This version will be longer, have a more bulbous radar nose and armament blisters.



COMET

Builder: De Havilland Type: Transport Power Plant: D. H. Ghost 50, 20, 200 lb. s.t. Weight loaded: 115,000 lbs. Span: 115' 0" Length: 93' 0" Max. Speed: 490 mph. Range: 1,500 miles

Remarks: Series 1 and 1A were fitted with D.H. Ghost engines. The 1A had methanol-water injection. Series 2 has 4 RR Avons of 6,500 lb. s.t. each (total 26,000 lbs. s.t.)



BANSHEE

Length: 47' 6"

Max. Speed: 610 mph.

Range: 2,000 miles

Ceiling: 56,000 ft.

Climb: 9,000 fpm.

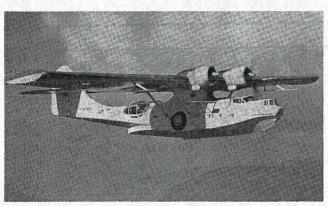
Builder: McDonnell Type: Navy fighter Power Plant: Westinghouse 6,500 lbs. s.t. Weight loaded: 19,000 lbs.

Weight loaded: 19,00 Span: 44' 11"

Remarks: RCN has ordered 30 to replace Sea Furies. Specifications for F2H-3. Latest model is F2H-4 with latest radar equipment.

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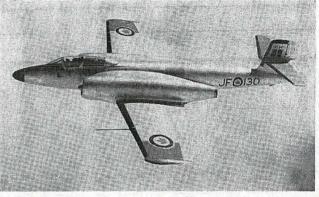
Today's Canadian military forces operate about 3,000 operational aircraft, most of which are modern jet types. The aim is to have most of these aircraft built in Canada. Last year alone the Canadian industry delivered more than 1,000 military aircraft, most of which went to the RCAF. A self-sufficient aviation industry at a state of readiness is now ready to back up the striking or defensive military forces. Here in summarized form are Canada's military aircraft:



CANSO

Builder: Can. Vickers and Can. Boeing Type: Patrol amphibian Power Plant: P & W 2,400 hp. Weight empty: 17,564 lbs. Weight loaded: 34,000 lbs. Span: 104' 0" Length: 63' 10" Max. Speed: 196 mph. Range: 2,520 miles Ceiling: 15,800 ft.

Remarks: Specifications for PBY-5A the most commonly used model. Known as Catalina in the U. S. A.



CF-100

Builder: A. V. Roe Canada Type: Fighter-Bomber Power Plant: Orenda Weight empty: 20,000 lbs. Weight loaded: 35,000 lbs. Span: 52 ft. Length: 54' 8" Max. Speed: 650 plus Range: 2,000 miles Climb: 12,000 fpm.

Remarks: Four models built, Mark 1, 2, 3 and 4. Performance given as for the Mark 4.



CANADAIR C-5

Builder: Canadair Type: Transport Power Plant: P & W 8,400 hp. Weight empty: 49,475 lbs. Weight loaded: 86,000 lbs. Span: 117' 6" Length: 93' 8" Max. Speed: 300 plus Range: 3,985 miles

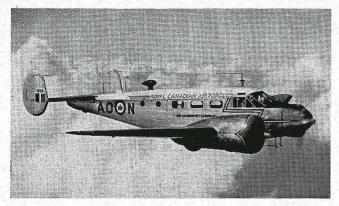
Remarks: Improved version of Canadair Four with radial engines. Used for VIP transport.



DAKOTA

Builder: Douglas Type: Transport Power Plant: P & W 2,400 hp. Weight empty: 16,480 lbs. Weight loaded: 25,200 lbs. Span: 95' 0" Length: 64' 6" Max. Speed: 216 mph.

Remarks: Derived from the externally similar D.C.3 Adopted as standard Allied transport during War.

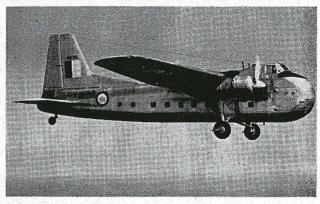


EXPEDITOR

Builder: Beechcraft Type: Transport Power Plant: P & W 900 hp. Weight empty: 6,200 lbs. Weight loaded: 9,300 lbs.

Span: 47' 7" Length: 34' 0" Speed: 230 mph. Range: 985 miles Climb: 1,190 fpm.

Remarks: First designed in 1936.



FREIGHTER

Span: 108' 0"

Length: 68' 4"

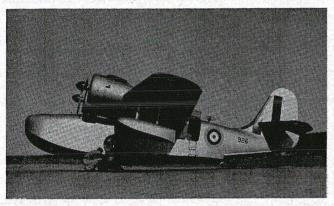
Max. Speed: 193 mph.

Builder: Bristol Type: Cargo and transport Power Plant: Bristol Hercules 4,000 hp.

Range: 1,420 miles Weight empty: 25,547 lbs. Ceiling: 24,500 Weight loaded: 44,000 lbs. Climb: 1,380 fpm.

Remarks: Specifications for Mk. 31. New version (Mk. 32)

has 5 ft. longer nose.



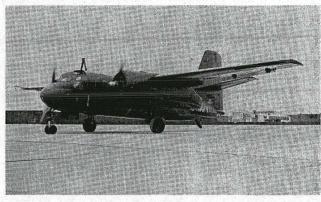
GOOSE

Length: 38' 4"

Builder: Grumman Type: Transport amphib. Power Plant: P & W 900 hp. Weight empty: 5,425 lbs. Weight loaded: 8,500 lbs.

Max. Speed: 200 mph. Range: 800 miles Ceiling: 21,000 ft. Climb: 1,100 fpm. Span: 49' 0"

Remarks: First produced in 1937. Also used for air-sea rescue.

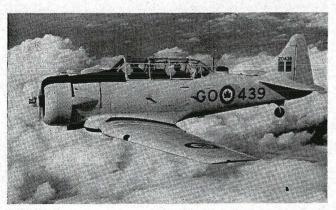


GRUMMAN S2F

Builder: Grumman Type: Anti-sub. Power Plant: Wright 2,850 hp. Weight empty: N.D.A. Weight loaded: N.D.A.

Span: N.D.A. Length: N.D.A. Max. Speed: N.D.A. Range: N.D.A.

Remarks: To be built in Canada for RCN with DH Canada as prime contractor. 250 said to be ordered with some of these going to NATO. Will carry torpedoes, depth charges, mines, bombs and cannon combinations.



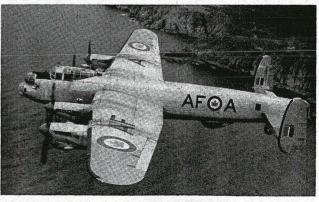
HARVARD

Builder: Canada Car & Foundry Type: Trainer Power Plant: P & W 550 hp. Weight empty: 4,271 lbs.

Weight loaded: 5,617 lbs.

Span: 42' 0" Length: 29' 0" Max. Speed: 212 mph. Range: 870 miles Ceiling: 23,000 ft.

Remarks: Specifications for Harvard 4. Cancar has built 600 for RCAF, USAF and NATO. Most widely used basic trainer.



LANCASTER

Builder: Avro (Victory) Span: 102' 0" Type: Maritime reccon. Length: 68' 10" Power Plant: R.R. Merlin 6,440 hp. Max. Speed: 250 mph. Weight empty: 41,000 lbs. Range: 2,600 miles Weight loaded: 68,000 lbs.

Remarks: Basic aircraft built by Victory Aircraft. Originally used for bombing. Some modified for photo-reccon, and air-sea rescue.



MENTOR T34A

Builder: Canadian Car & Foundry Length: 25' 11" Max. Speed: 189 mph. Type: Trainer Power Plant: 225 hp ContinentalRange: 785 miles 0-470 flat six Ceiling: 20,000 ft. Weight loaded: N.D.A. Climb: 1,200 fpm.

Span: 32' 10"

Remarks: Now in production at Fort William plant of Cancar. RCAF has ordered 25 on a trial basis.



MUSTANG

Length: 32' 3"

Max. Speed: 437 mph.

Climb: Approx. 3,000 fpm.

Range: 1,050 miles

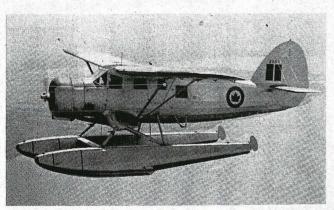
Ceiling: 41,000 ft.

Builder: North American Type: Trainer and target tug Power Plant: RR Merlin 1490 hp.

Weight empty: 7,947 lbs. Weight loaded: 10,100 lbs.

Span: 37' 0"

Remarks: Specs. given for F-51D. Designed as a fighter and used in War as such. 15,576 built.

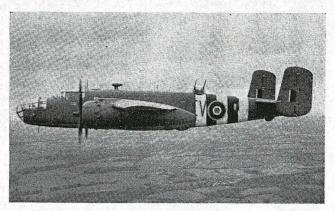


NORSEMAN

Builder: Canada Car & Foundry Type: Gen.-Pur-Transport Power Plant: P & W 600 hp. Weight empty: 4,240 lbs. Weight loaded: 7,400 lbs.

Span: 51' 8" Length: 32' 4" Speed: 155 mph. Range: 464 miles Ceiling: 17,000 ft.

Remarks: Specifications for Norseman V. The VII with metal wing and lengthened fuselage has been built and tested. Originally designed by Noorduyn.



MITCHELL

Span: 67' 6"

Length: 52' 9"

Max. Speed: 275 mph.

Range: 1,620 miles

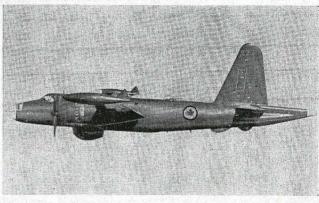
Builder: North American

Type: Trainer Power Plant: Wright 3,400 hp.

Weight empty: 22,300 lbs. Weight loaded: 34,000 lbs.

Remarks: Specifications given for B-25D. Later models give better

performance. Formerly a medium bomber.



NEPTUNE

Length: 78' 3"

Max. Speed: 353 mph.

Range: 4,200 miles

Ceiling: 26,000 ft.

Climb: 2,620 fpm.

Builder: Lockheed Type: Patrol Bomber

Power Plant: Wright 6,500 hp. Weight empty: 39,900 lbs.

Weight loaded: 72,000 lbs. Span: 104' 0"

Remarks: RCAF has ordered 25 for maritime reconnaissance. Speci-

fications for P2V-5 produced in a variety of versions.



NORTH STAR

Builder: Canadair Type: Transport

Span: 117' 6" Length: 93' 8" Power Plant: RR Merlin 7,040 hp. Max. Speed. 300 mph. Range: 2,250 miles

Weight empty: 46,832 lbs. Weight loaded: 82,300 lbs.

Remarks: Also known as the Canadair Four. Twenty-four supplied to RCAF. BOAC designate it the Argonaut.



OTTER

Builder: De Havilland Canada Type: Utility transport Power Plant: P & W 600 hp. Weight empty: 4,165 lbs. Weight loaded: 7,600 lbs. Span: 58' 0" Length: 41' 10" Max. Speed: 160 mph. Range: 1,050 miles Climb: 1,000 f.p.m.

Remarks: Designed to operate in the undeveloped areas of Canada. Factory designation DHC-3.



PACKET

Builder: Fairchild Type: Cargo or troop transport Power Plant: Wright 7,000 hp. Weight empty: 39,750 lbs. Weight loaded: 64,000 lbs. Span: 109' 3" Length: 86' 6" Max. Speed: 296 mph. Range: 3,480 miles Climb: 800 fpm.

Remarks: Specifications for the C-119F, usually referred to as the Flying Boxcar.



PIASECKI H-21A

Builder Piasecki Type: Arctic rescue Power Plant: Wright 1,425 hp. Weight empty: 8,900 lbs. Weight loaded: 13,256 lbs. Rotor diam.: 44' 0" Length: 52' 6" Max. Speed: 117 mph. Climb: 1,420 fpm.

Remarks: RCAF has ordered six. Specifications for H-21B. The H-21C is a troop carrier version.

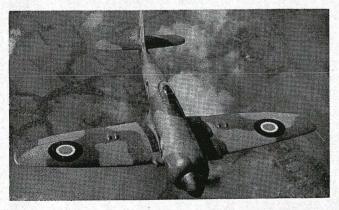


SABRE

Builder: Canadair Type: Fighter Power Plant: G.E. 5,200 lbs. s.t. Weight empty: 10,000 lbs. Weight loaded: 16,500 lbs.

Span: 37' 1" Length: 37' 6" Max. Speed: 670 mph. Climb: 7,500 fpm.

Remarks: Specifications for F-86E of which 740 were built by Canadair. The newest model, 5F, is powered by the Orenda of 6,500 lbs. s.t.



SEA FURY

Builder: Hawker Type: Navy fighter Power Plant: Bristol Centaurus 2,480 hp. Weight empty: 9,240 lbs.

Weight loaded: 12,350 lbs.

Span: 38' 5" Length: 34' 8" Max. Speed: 450 mph. Combat radius: 720 miles Climb: 4,320 fpm.

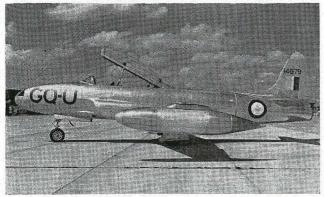
Remarks: The last piston engined fighter to be built in quantity in U. K. Specifications for the F.B. 11.



S-51

Builder: Sikorsky Type: Air-sea rescue Power Plant: P & W 450 hp. Weight empty: 3,805 lbs. Weight loaded: 5,500 lbs. Rotor diam.: 49' 0" Length: 41' 0" Speed: 103 mph. Ceiling: 13,500 ft. Climb: 1,000 fpm.

Remarks: British version built under licence by Westland is known as the Dragonfly.



SILVER STAR

Builder: Canadair Type: Advanced trainer Power Plant: Allison 4,600 lbs. s.t. Maximum Speed: 580 mph. Weight empty: 8,084 lbs.

Span: 38' 11" Length: 37' 9" Range: 1,345 miles

Weight loaded: 11,965 lbs. Climb: 5,525 fpm. Remarks: Designed by Lockheed as the T-33 and built under licence by Canadair. Originally known as TF-80C. 576 ordered by RCAF.



VENTURA

Builder: Lockheed. Type: Target Tug Power Plant: P & W 3,700 hp. Weight empty: 19,373 lbs. Weight loaded: 31,000 lbs. Span: 65' 6" Length: 51' 8" Speed: 300 mph. Range: 2,000 miles

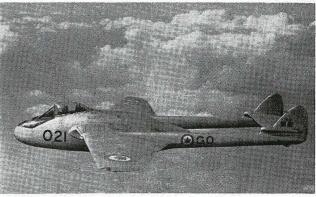
Remarks: Earlier versions used as light bombers and transports during the War.

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NEW **PUBLICATIONS**

THE Techniques of Supervision" by Alfred R. Lateiner (Arthur R. Croft Publications, New London, Conn.) is an extremely useful book for any company to buy for its library or indeed for any supervisor or would-be-supervisor. Its price is \$4 but a paper bound edition available for purchase by companies for its supervisors is \$2. The National Foremen's Institute, who have assisted in its publication, say it is "specific, stimulating, pointedly practical and readily applicable -easily one of the best approaches to the subject."

HE Aeroplane's 1954 Directory of British and Commonwealth Service and Civil Aviation (Temple Press, London. Price, 21s.) has been improved by the introduction of an easier system of reference to its various sections. It contains references to over 1,600 personalities in British aviation and is a very useful addition to any aeronautical library.



Builder: De Havilland Type: Fighter-bomber Power Plant: D.H. Goblin II, 3,100 lb. s.t.

Weight empty: 7,134 lbs. Weight loaded: 12,263 lbs.

Remarks: Specifications for F.B.5. Many other versions have been built up to F.B.53.

VAMPIRE

Span: 38' 0" Length: 30' 9" Max. Speed: 521 mph. Range: 1,170 miles Ceiling: N.D.A. Climb: 4,250 fpm.

WACO CG-4A

Builder: Waco. Type: Glider transport Power Plant: None. Weight empty: 4,500 lbs. Weight loaded: 7,500 lbs.

Span: 83' 8" Length: 48' 4" Max. Speed: 1:50 mph.* Range: 900 miles*

Remarks: *Speed and range are shown when towed by a Dakota.

HE FIGHT AT ODDS" (available postpaid from the U.K. Information office at Ottawa at \$3.15) by Denis Richards is the first of a three volume history of the RAF from 1939 to 1945 to be published. This particular volume covers the period to 1941 and includes such famous incidents as the attempt to operate Gladiators from a frozen lake in Norway, the attack on the Albert Canal bridges, the evacuation from Dunkirk, the great air battles of August and September, 1940, the bombing of Coventry, the airborne assault on Crete, the seige of Habbaniya and the escape of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Denis Richards and Hilary St. G. Sanders, who wrote the second volume, were given full access to official secret documents from those concerning the higher direction of the war down to the sortie and combat of individual pilots. They have also drawn on the records of the enemy and on personal accounts.

Against a wide backdrop of history, the story of the RAF on the flying side during the early critical days of World War II is told in a very readable manner. Because of the authoritativeness of the material and the book's polished literary style, we were reminded of Churchill's histories of the war or of Chester Wilmot's "The Struggle for Europe." Many useful charts and maps are included.