

THE
ARROW



Scrapbook

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In the mid-1950s, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the aircraft giant, A.V. Roe Canada Limited, were busy developing and building a new generation of jet fighter whose main role would be to intercept Soviet bombers coming over the North Pole. This first line of North American defence was to be state-of-the-art, cutting-edge stuff. Although not exclusively Canadian, it did arise out of home-grown specifications and the blood, sweat and tears of the thousands of people who flocked to the Canada-based enterprises that built it. According to Jim Floyd, a vice-president of engineering at Avro, it was a time when "We didn't know that it couldn't be done..."

"We just did it !"

The RCAF called the aircraft the "Arrow," formally designating it as the CF-105. It was a sleek, powerful beauty, a match for its name. Little did anyone know what a symbol the Arrow would become, or the agony that government, air force and industry would experience in the years ahead.



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of wounds with this one."***

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shattered many of our
Arrow myths."***

*Gary Palmer - President, Experimental
Aircraft Association, Ottawa Chapter*


Arrow Alliance