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Most of them have distinguished war records—and so many decorations that even the usual abbreviations cannot be included here. The numeral given in parenthesis at the end of each paragraph refers to the appropriate portrait. We hope to include reference to pilots of any "last-moment surprise" aircraft which may appear at Farnborough elsewhere in this issue.

1936 and the Volunteer Reserve in 1938. Is piloting the Dove Mk 2. (21)

**J. W. Wilson.**—Now aged 27, joined R.A.F. in 1942 and was an instructor with F.T. Command, later being posted to T.A.F. in Burma. After service in various fighter squadrons was posted to the Central Fighter Establishment Is handling Vampire Trainer at the Show. (20)

## ENGLISH ELECTRIC

**T. B. O. Evans.**—Demonstrating the Canberra in the absence of W/C. Beaumont in America. Served as fighter pilot during war, in Far East and elsewhere. From 1944 until he joined English Electric in 1950, was development-flying jet aircraft for the R.A.F. (23)

## FAIREY

**J. O. Matthews.**—An ex-fighter pilot (destroyed 11 enemy aircraft) and instructor who joined Faireys in 1946, after leaving Central Fighter Establishment. Is demonstrating Firefly Mk 7. (25)

**G/C. R. G. Slade.**—Aged 38, Fairey's chief test pilot. Commissioned in 1933 and became Martlesham pilot in 1937. During war commanded night fighter squadrons, C.F.S. Handling Squadron and several other special units. Is demonstrating Gannet. (24)

**L. P. Twiss.**—An ex-naval pilot with distinguished war record who joined Faireys in 1946. In latter part of war was member of several development-flying commissions sent to U.S.A. Successful air-race competitor. Is sharing Gannet demonstration. (27)

**D. J. Masters.**—Also with Faireys since 1946. During war was instructing in Rhodesia, then with Bomber Command. Is sharing Firefly Mk 7 demonstrations. (26)

## GLOSTER

**Jan Zurakowski.**—Originally member of Polish Air Force, was fighter pilot during war, then Boscombe Down test pilot. Has flown 2,500 hours on 54 types, mostly fighters. Joined Glosters in 1947; holds several records. (28)

## HANDLEY PAGE

**S/L. H. G. Hazelden.**—Chief test pilot since 1947. Three years with Bomber Command during war, then with Heavy Aircraft Testing Squadron at Boscombe Down, 1944-47. (29)

## HANDLEY PAGE (READING)

**Hugh Kendall.**—Canadian by birth, has been with the company since its formation three years ago; formerly a naval pilot. Is an expert gliding pilot. (30)

## NAPIER

**Michael Randrup.**—Ex-fighter pilot seconded to A.S.T. and R.A.E. in later war years; C.O. of R.A.E. engine-test flights, 1946; joined Napier in 1946 and is demonstrating Nomad-Lincoln "test-bed". (22)

**H. K. Cartwright.**—From S. Rhodesia. Was with Wilson Airways, Kenya; flew Blenheims and Hurricanes in Greece and India; R.A.F. test pilot, then joined Napier in 1945. Sharing Nomad-Lincoln demonstrations.

## HAWKER

**S/L. Neville Duke.**—Chief test pilot with outstanding war record on fighters. After war, was R.A.F. test pilot and member of high-speed flight. Holds London-Karachi speed record. Is demonstrating P. 1067 and naval P. 1052. (31)

## PERCIVAL AIRCRAFT

**R. G. Wheldon.**—In R.A.F. 1936-47. During war was a test pilot in Maintenance Command. Joined Percivals in 1947; chief test pilot, 1950. (32)

**J. F. Arnold.**—Civil flying instructor before war. Served as instructor and with Transport Command (North Atlantic service) during war. Manager and C.F.I., Luton Flying Club, then Hunting Flying Club, 1945-48. Has done over 5,000 hours on 50 types.

## SCOTTISH AVIATION

**N. J. Capper.**—In R.A.F. 1929-34; later with Hillman's and Imperial Airways; C.F.I. at various E.F.T.S.s during war. Returned to Scottish Aviation after war; has considerable helicopter experience. (34)

## SHORT BROS. AND HARLAND

**T. W. Brooke-Smith.**—Handling Short's new bomber. Born 1918; learned to fly at Brooklands, was an airline pilot, then, during war, was delivering Stirlings with A.T.A. Joined Short Bros. in 1942. Has flown 120 types, from sailplanes to big flying-boats. (35)

## VICKERS-ARMSTRONGS

**E. B. Trubshaw.**—An ex-pilot of the King's Flight who joined the firm last year. Born 1924 and is a keen cricketer. (37)

**G. R. Bryce.**—Served in Fighter, Coastal and Transport Commands, then in the King's Flight; joined the firm in 1946. Has over 5,000 hours on 45 types. Appointed chief test pilot at Weybridge last July. (39)

## VICKERS-SUPERMARINE

**D. W. Morgan.**—Now aged 28, was D.H. Technical School student and then in R.A.F.; transferred to Fleet Air Arm, 1944. Graduating from E.T.P.S. in 1948, was with Carrier Trials Unit; joined Supermarine last year. Qualified helicopter pilot. (40)

**M. J. Lithgow.**—Flying the newly revealed Supermarine 508; the company's 31-year-old senior experimental pilot, was an R.N. pilot until released in 1945 to join Vickers-Armstrongs; won S.B.A.C. Cup Race last year. (38)

## WESTLAND

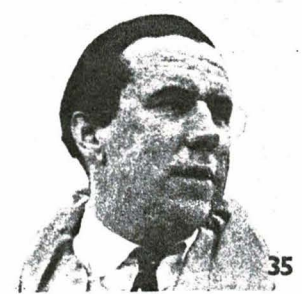
**R. S. Bradley.**—Ex-Naval pilot; was with Patrick-Durval Aviation and then Helliwells, Ltd., before joining Westlands last year. Is flying the Wyvern. (33)

**S. L. D. Colvin.**—Ex-fighter pilot who went on to Scottish Airlines and helicopter instruction after war. Is demonstrating the S-51. (36)

## MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

**S/L. R. H. Smyth** learned to fly with U.S.A.F. just before Pearl Harbour. Joined a Polish night-fighter squadron and flew night intruder ops. in Mediterranean area. Since graduating from E.T.P.S. after war has commanded Aerodynamics Flight at R.A.E. and made first flight of Boulton Paul Delta, which he is demonstrating at the Show. (41)

**Lt. J. Elliot.**—After a not uneventful war career as an R.N. pilot (including Arctic convoy escorts) was in the Service Trials Unit from 1943 to 1948. Awarded McKenna Trophy at E.T.P.S.; posted to R.A.E. Aerodynamics Flight in 1949. First naval officer to land a swept-wing aircraft (Swift) on the deck of a carrier. (42)



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