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Fighter Pilots and Observers 1915-1939

Larry Milberry and Hugh A. Halliday

Good day CANAV readers and here's this season's booklist. Do have a read, you'll be impressed seeing all the CANAV classics, some new titles, and those I always list as deserving to be on any well-balanced bookshelf. Update: I've spent the summer working on CANAV's RCAF Centennial project, *One Hundred Years: The RCAF 1924 - 2024*. Lately, I've been working on the post-WWII chapters covering from Vampire to Voodoo, North Star to 707, Harvard to Tutor, Lancaster to the dawn of the Aurora. I've also started visiting the RCAF bases to see today's RCAF at the grassroots level. In September I had a really top visit to 17 Wing Winnipeg. These take time and money but how else can an authoritative book be done? What's new this time? For RCAF fans, check out *Cold War Fighters: Canadian Aircraft Procurement 1945-1954* covering this key topic from the fighters between war's end and RCAF restructuring (Mustang, Meteor, Vampire, etc.) Then come the CF-100 and Sabre stories in a new light compared to CANAV's books about these great fighters. *CWF* perfectly complements *Canada and the Cold War*, so what a logical pair. Also not to be missed is CWO John Barnes' *White School Black Memories*,

by far the best contemporary history by a Canadian soldier. Barnes covers much about the difficult actions in former Yugoslavia and Afghanistan. Not to be missed. Complementing *WSBM* are such gems as Tim Cook's *Secret History of Soldiers* and Mark Zuehlke's *Tragedy at Dieppe* in Dieppe's 80th anniversary year. New and enticing for naval readers is Ted Barris' authoritative and readable *Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory*. This is a Canadian theme we never tire of + Ted's book complements other books in our list. Also this season is *Prisoners of the Castle*, a new history of the infamous German POW camp where select RCAF aircrew were held in WWII.

This season I'm bringing back *Battlefields of the Air* covering Canadians in Bomber Command, and *Hell Island* about Canadians fighting in Hurricanes and Spitfires on Malta. Then there's *Abandoned Military Installations of Canada, Vol.4*, covering 100+ RCAF/BCATP/NORAD bases in Western Canada. What's become of all these once-important bases? This treasure is the big reveal. Next? Anyone will revel in *An Arctic Man*, a fabulous picture of life in Canada's far north as it is, not as politicians and hucksters like to portray. A solid "must read". So is *The Company: The Rise and Fall of the Hudson's Bay Empire*. A blockbuster pair if you follow Canada's northern heritage. Also re-introduced is *Canada's Little War*. An impressive book about our impressive role in the Boer War.

I've moved up *The Canadair North Star* and CANAV's both much-revered *Propliner* books. If you don't have these gems, jump in (*both* Propliners \$40). Of course, I'm still promoting *Air Transport in Canada* (1040 pages, 2 vols, 3000+ photos etc., Canada's largest ever aviation title) as a huge deal at \$65 all-in (usually \$155++). "ATC" still is bringing in the compliments. Recently, aviation author Chris Buckley called it, "one of the most stupendous and lavish aviation books ever produced". Also still on sale is *Canada's Air Force at War and Peace*, our 3 RCAF vols. (1000+ pages) at \$75 all-in (usually \$224++). *CAFWP* is the grandest RCAF history still in print. Also, check out our "Aviation in Canada" series. Vol.8 *Fighter Pilots and Observers 1915-1939* is typical

Notes the WWI journal "Over the Front": "This new book's unassuming title modestly hides a treasure of photographic and text material ... highly-readable, thoroughly-researched". Any fan will love this impressive, affordable series. All the video games, podcasts, etc. amount to a big fat zero compared to sitting down with any such actual book. Also check the very special price this cycle for *Aviation in Canada: The Pioneer Decades*.

Be sure to treat yourself to some top reading from our great list + you'll be needing gifts through the months for aviation pals, clients, etc., right. Here's your instant source. In ordering you do yourself a solid favour + help keep CANAV on the rails. Don't forget - CANAV never takes government publishing handouts. We're on our own and survive by selling books, period. Please see our FREE BOOK offer (page 6).

We small Canadian mail order outfits are up against it in the 2020s, public enemy No.1 being Canada Post. "Mafia Post" might be a more fitting designation for this money-grubbing government institution, since it seems committed to running us into the ground with its unconscionable postal rates. These recently have risen again. How much can these all-powerful "civil servants" punish us, eh?

Usual reminders: Do yourself another favour by visiting our aviation blog *canavbooks.wordpress.com* Here you'll find richly detailed items covering many aviation topics + 100s of rare, eye-popping photos. You'll be especially amazed by scrolling back into the depths of our blog archives. What else? (1) Email if you'd like CANAV's miscellaneous list of new & used books. (2) Don't miss our "Free Book" offer on the back page. Also ... shipping 2 or more books in Canada now is \$24 flat rate - as good a deal as I can offer under Mafia Post pressure. Shipping info p.6, all prices in CAD\$ (3) Decoding the list: if you see 2 prices, pay the (lower) price in **bold, pp** pages, **hc** hardcover, **sc** softcover, **biblio** bibliography, **gloss** glossary, **chron** chronology, **app**'x appendix. (5) Let me know if you prefer not to be on the CANAV list. Thanks as usual and keep in touch ... Larry Milberry, Publisher larry@canavbooks.com

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☐ **The Canadair North Star** Milberry. One of *the* best-reviewed aviation books in decades. The world is down to a single North Star and a few lovely new copies of this glorious book telling this classic Canadian and international story. Here's the low-down about this beautiful propliner in a book that's described as *the* model for

airplane type histories. Canada's first airliner from conception through its colourful career. Lately, one CANAV fan emailed: "I have started re-reading your North Star book. What a contribution to Canada's aviation history." Noted the late, great *Air Pictorial*, "A magnificent book in every respect." 100s of photos, colour profiles, foldouts, app'x, index, etc. 252 pp,

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treatment of his subject is personal and meticulous, the photo selection is ... evocative, the captions knowledgeable and informative ... thoroughly enjoyable." Adds *Aircraft Illustrated*, "Genuinely merits the title 'Book of the Month' ... beautifully produced ... confidently recommended". Find out for yourself! 176pp, lf, sc, glos, biblio, index. \$40.00 **\$25.00 A**

☐ **Leslie Corness Propliner Collection** Milberry. 350 rare b/w & colour photos. From boyhood days in Edmonton, Leslie works on the DEW Line where he's in "aviation heaven", then in the UK, etc. You'll be amazed at his DEW Line Kodachromes – C-46s, C-124s, DC-3s, DC-4s, Yorks, etc. Other subjects? Bristol Freighter, Beverley, CL-44, DC-7C, Super Connie, B-17, Lancaster, Mars, Stranraer. Notes John Wegg of *Airways*: "A photo album with style and intelligence ... to be savoured." Who wouldn't want a copy? 160pp, lf, sc, glos, biblio, index. \$40.00 **\$25.00 A** (both Propliners now **\$40.00 A**)

☐ **Air Transport in Canada** by Larry Milberry. Canada's grandest aviation history and here's a **huge offer** for a set. 2 volumes, 5kg, 1040 pages. Aviation author Chris Buckley recently called *Air Transport in Canada* "one of the most stupendous and lavish aviation books ever produced". Pioneer days from 1919 to TCA & CPA, the CAF/RCAF from 1920 to modern operations around the world, the postwar airlines: EPA, MCA, Nordair, PWA, QCA, Quebecair, Transair, etc. DEW Line, SAR, aerial survey, the great Canadian airliners from North Star to Q400, helicopters, government & corporate aviation. Includes the largest gallery of original Canadian aviation art. How say the reviewers? "These volumes are possibly the world's most inclusive ever devoted to aviation history." (*Airways: The Global Review of Commercial Flight*) "The Oshkosh of aviation books." (*Aerographics*). "Impressive! The word is sometimes misapplied to a book that is merely interesting, but for these two volumes, it may well be an understatement." (*Montreal Gazette*). 53 chapters, 2 volumes, hardcover, 800,000+ words, more than 3500 photos, maps, gloss, biblio, app'x, index. Sticker price \$155.00, but this special deal gets you a set all-in (shipping & tax included) at **CAD\$65.00 for Canadian orders, CAD\$80.00 USA, CAD\$160.00 overseas (surface mail)**. See more about "ATC" at www.canavbooks.wordpress.com

☐ **Canada's Air Force at War and Peace, Vol. 1** Milberry. Another irresistible offer for any aviation fan! These are world class books, and that's just not a cliché! CAFWP + *Sixty Years* are the only RCAF general histories in print in 2020/21. In September 2000 Britain's *Scale Aviation Modeller International* selected CAFWP Vol.1 as its "Book of the Month": "This is a book that truly deserves the 'must have' title... one that all RCAF and Canadian aviation fans will want." Writes *Airforce*: "...the most comprehensive history of Canada's air force ever produced." *Canadian Flight*: "the grand-daddy of all Christmas presents for air

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☐ **Aviation in Canada: Fighter Pilots and Observers 1915-1939** Milberry & Halliday. Honours Canada's WWI airmen & aircraft. Covers training, then

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☐ **Aviation in Canada: The CAE Story** Milberry. One of the publisher's all time favourites, few comparable industry books ever have been done. One of Canada's widest-ranging aviation histories, a true delight! Founded in 1947, CAE begins with CF-100, Argus & CF-104 "flight sims", then tackles everything from consumer products to radar station contracts, overhauls C-119s, F-84s, Viscounts, and manufactures L-1011 & C-135 components. CAE profits in forestry, flops with bushplanes and some acquisitions, makes auto parts, and designs control systems for power stations & naval vessels. It designs the robotic hand controller for the Canadarm orbiting today on the ISS. This spectacular book brings you to the present with CAE owing the lion's share of the commercial flight sim market, while producing visual & motion systems, and running flight schools & sim centres worldwide. *The CAE Story* honours the company's great pioneers + its generations of employees. CAE's late CEO, the renowned Douglas Reekie, commented, "You deserve a great deal of credit for undertaking this task and for doing it so well. There should be a medal for you for perseverance." Former Commander of Canada's air force, General W.K. Carr, DFC, put it in his famously no-nonsense way: "The book is fantastic!" More at www.canavbooks.wordpress.com 392 pages, hc, lf, 100s of photos, gloss, biblio, index. A bargain at **\$65.00 A**

☐ **Aviation in Canada: The Pioneer Decades** Milberry Vol.1 of our series. From ballooning in the 1840s to the Silver Dart in 1909. The first great air meets, Canada in WWI with its death & glory, the birth of an aviation industry, etc. "A treasure for anyone with an interest in Canada's wonderful heritage in the air," says *Air Force Magazine*. *Aviation News* comments: "The ... story is well written and easy to follow, logically connecting the images with the text – not always the case with history books." 300

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☐ **Aviation in Canada: Evolution of an Air Force** Milberry. One of the finest ever RCAF histories. From 1920 the CAF/RCAF struggles with its *raison d'être*, endures the Depression, then blossoms with WWII, training more than 100,000 aircrew, protecting Atlantic convoys, etc. Is the book any good? George Sweanor, the famous late "Scribe" of 971 RCAF Air Marshal Slemom Wing, Air Force Association of Canada, writes: "It's amazing how much Larry has squeezed into it... Go buy your own copy. You will not regret it." 336pp, 800 photos, hc, lf, photos, gloss, biblio, index. **\$55.00 A**

☐ **Aviation in Canada: Bombing and Coastal Operations Overseas 1939-1945** Milberry. Yet another gem of an RCAF book! All the action re. Canadians in Bomber Command, Coastal Command and on misc. similar duties. The great aircraft & squadrons. From Anson to Whitley, Beaufort, Sunderland, Lancaster, etc. Many personal profiles. A fantastic tribute to a great generation in the RCAF, exactly what CANAV's critical readers demand. 272pp, 600 photos, hc, lf, photos, gloss, biblio, index. **\$55.00 A**

☐ **Aviation in Canada: The Noorduyn Norseman, Vol.1** Milberry and Halliday. Here is one of the world's most in-depth airplane "bios". From early years in design to WWII. The transition to peace as the Norseman makes itself useful with bush, coast and Arctic. Writes *Scale Aviation Modeller*: "Packed with the kind of photographic material you won't find on the internet ... well-researched and comprehensive." Our readers add: "I like the weaving of anecdotes with the narrative." "What airplane fan couldn't love it! I'm straining at the chocks for the next installment. An old-time northern pilot puts it this way: "The hi-lite of my Christmas was the arrival of your magnificent Norseman Vol. 1 ... I am absorbing every millimeter of it!" See our blog for more reviews 23pp, hc, lf, 450+ photos, gloss, biblio, index. **\$50.00 A**

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□ **Canada's Air Forces on Exchange** Milberry. Canadians on duty with foreign air arms – talk about exciting subject matter! From Barker, VC, on patrol in Iraq in 1925, to Canadians flying such interwar types as the Singapore & Gauntlet to post-WWII UK exchanges on the Meteor, Lightning, Shackleton, Comet, etc. In the US on the WB-47, F-104, F-105, F-106, C-97, C-17 + exchanges in Australia, Germany, Norway, Venezuela. You'll be astounded at the adventures, everything from ditching in a Hastings to ejecting from an F-105 and a Canberra! Writes Bob Merrick in *COPA Flight*: "Truly an enlightening book ... Those pondering the ideal Christmas gift for your local Fireside Aviator need look no farther." 320pp, hc, lf, 400 b/w & colour photos, lists, gloss, biblio, index. \$50.00 **\$40.00 A**

NEW AND REVIVED

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"LAV" vs the ill-chosen G-Wagon. Every devotee of Canada's great military heritage will want this well-written, authoritative book. Barnes leaves military life deservedly well decorated (MMM & MSM). He has done us a valuable service by writing this graphic history with such passion & care. 398pp, sc, photos. **\$23.50 B**

□ **Appel: A Canadian in the French Foreign Legion** Well-written adventures of a young Canadian in this legendary fighting arm. Joel Struthers spends 6 years training & on deployment in the 1990s. Notes the publisher: "Told through the eyes of a soldier and interspersed with humorous anecdotes, *Appel* is a fascinating story that debunks myths about the French Foreign Legion". The story from recruitment, through tough training to advanced courses in mountain, airborne and seaborne warfare, finally to ops in former French colonies from Chad to Congo. Struthers survives the seemingly impossible FFL learning curve, hanging in no matter how seemingly impossible. His service over, he becomes a commercial helicopter pilot. An ace of a read! 250 pages, sc, photos, maps, gloss, notes, index. **\$26.50 B (Complements WSBM, both \$48.00 A)**

□ **The Secret History of Soldiers: How Canadians Survived the Great War** Tim Cook's seminal history. The cultures of death and survival in the trenches 1914-18. The flap copy notes how the book's immense details "come from the soldiers themselves, mined from the letters, diaries, memoirs and oral accounts of more than 500 combatants". A serious reader could not ask for more. Notes the Toronto Star, it's "a reminder ... that humans are resilient, capable of enduring the most harrowing experiences". Absolutely gripping history, not to be missed. 472pp, sc, photos, notes, biblio, index. \$25.00 **\$23.50 A (WSBM + Secret History \$45.00 A)**

□ **Prisoners of the Castle: The Nazi Fortress Prison** Ben MacIntyre's gripping new history of the infamous German POW camp in the great castle at Colditz. Colditz held "the worst" among Germany's POWs, men who time after time had escaped. Needless to day, several RCAF men were among these pesky thorns in Germany's side. A fantastic story, don't miss it! Complements P.R. Reid's 1952 *The Colditz Story*. 368pp, hc, photos, dias, index. \$28.95 **\$26.50 A**

□ **Janusz Zurakowski – Not Only about Flying** Life story of the great Arrow test pilot from boyhood, education and early years in the Polish Air Force. With the fall of Poland in 1939, he escapes to the UK. RAF/Polish Hurricane squadrons in the Battle of Britain excel. Postwar, Janusz is a test pilot at Gloster (Meteor & Javelin),

then in Canada. He flies the CF-100 extensively, then adds to his renown, making the first flight of the CF-105 Arrow, but that project ends early. The book finishes with Janusz's post-Avro years. Outstanding history, down to earth, an important book. 224 pp, sc, photos. **\$25.00 B**

□ **The Quick and the Dead: The Perils of Post-War Test Flying** The great W.A. "Bill" Waterton's story. A Canadian in the RAF, Waterton flies Hurricanes in the Battle of France (242 Sqn), is injured, then excels postwar re. R&D, air displays & speed records, introduces Egypt, Argentina, etc. to the Meteor, in Canada makes the first flight of the CF-100. His fascinating tale of Avro Canada that helps round out the company's heritage. He returns to Gloster, but a Javelin crash ends his flying days; then his criticism of the UK aviation industry leads to his further demise. He retires to Canada, writes this remarkable book, enjoys rural life and dies in 2006. An exceptional story, cheap at twice the price. 200pp, hc, photos. \$24.95 **\$21.50 B ("Zura" and Waterton both \$43.50 A)**

□ **The Fight for History: 75 Years of Forgetting, Remembering and Remaking Canada's Second World War** Cook. A different perspective: how Canadians have framed, then, reframed this experience over the decades, e.g., how Canada's losses at Hong Kong, Dieppe, etc., became focal points at the expense of its renowned victories in the Battle of the Atlantic, the bombing campaign, D-Day, etc. Cook puts such into perspective. Such chapter heads as "Why We Fought", "Failing to Tell Our Story", "Apology Campaigns" & "Reclaiming History". Any reader will be grateful to Tim Cook for this one. 504pp, hc, photos, notes, index. \$35.00 **\$32.50 B**

□ **Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory** Ted Barris' important new history. Cites the publisher: "The Battle of the Atlantic, Canada's longest continuous military engagement of the Second World War, lasted 2074 days, claiming the lives of more than 4000 men and women in the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian merchant navy." Through these days German U-boats and surface ships attempted to destroy the Allies' convoys, most of which were escorted by the RCN and RCAF. At this the enemy almost succeeded in cutting Britain's convoy lifeline. Barris explains how the RCN had gone to war with 13 warships and 3500 regular servicemen and reservists, but through the Battle of the Atlantic grew to 400 fighting ships and 100,000 sailors. By V-E Day in 1945 the RCN was the world's 4th largest navy. Well worth adding to your home library. 510pp, hc, photos, notes, biblio, index. \$37.00 **\$34.50 A**

☐ **SS Nerissa: The Final Crossing** William Dziadyk, LCdr RCN (Retired) has researched this important book about tragedy & heroism at sea. SS *Nerissa* was carrying her crew + a more than a hundred military personnel (RCAF included) when sunk by a U-boat. The lead-up, then the tragic events when *U-552* lets its torpedoes go. Eyewitness accounts, stories about many who died or survived. One of the best Canadian maritime histories in years. Perfectly complements *Battle of the Atlantic*. 152pp, sc, photos, charts, app'x. \$24.50 **\$14.50 B (Great deal ... Barris and Nerissa both \$47.50 A)**

☐ **Battlefields in the Air: Canadians in the Allied Bomber Command** McCaffery. Solid coverage of a key WWII story. Many aircrew profiles, most being ordinary airmen. All the bombers -- Hampden, Wellington, Halifax, Lancaster, etc. An airman's tour from ordinary affairs to the terrifying (night fighters, flak, sudden death, etc). Battle of the Ruhr, Battle of Berlin, special ops. Well written, in-depth. 196pp, hc, photos, index. Biblio. \$29.95, **\$26.50 B**

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