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**Birth of an Air Force** 1977 this is an analytical account of the entire operational history of the iaf within five years of its creation the fledgling flights of no 1 squadron were undergoing trials by fire in the nwfp during the world war ii the iaf expanded nine fold and made valiant contributions in turning the tide of japanese onslaught hardly had the guns fallen silent across the globe and india emerged independent breaking the centuries old yoke of colonialism once again the iaf was called into operations in jammu and kashmir j k war in 1947 48 the iaf was at its innovative best in the un chartered virgin territory of himalayan heights from 1948 till 1962 the iaf witnessed slow and lopsided growth the debacle in 1962 sino indian war and refusal to use the combat component of the iaf was the nadir of indian integrated decision making the realisation of the need for having well structured defence forces and resultant expansion of defence forces including the iaf had begun this reorganisation measure was disrupted half way by the pakistani attack in j k the 1965 war was on the iaf was launched into conflict at an extremely short notice of one hour and stemmed the advancing enemy tanks from severing the lifeline of j k it was only the 1971 war which enabled the iaf to prepare itself properly and prosecute a well crafted war plan the exceptionally swift victory in east pakistan in a matter of 12 days and with 93 000 pakistani troops surrendering revealed the might of the indian armed forces the iaf contributed a lion s share its precision attacks on governor s house had strategic results pakistani intrusions in 1999 in

dras kargil and haneeff sectors again saw restricted committal of the iaf along with the army despite restrictive rules of engagement iaf operated with innovations and was the major reason for pakistan to vacate the intrusion in its history of 80 years the iaf has also operated in counter insurgency role on many occasions

**Indian Air Force in Wars** 2013-10-17 this book represents a major contribution to thinking about modern air warfare providing a current reference point for military men an every shade of uniform defence student and analysis defence journalists those with aviation manufacturing and commerc

**War in the Third Dimension** 2012-08-15 this is an era of exponential growth especially in technologies air forces are the most technology intensive fighting arms an ideal air force would constantly embrace and adopt new technologies to retain it s cutting edge and all dominant status in battle space failure to do so may spell it s doom when faced with more current air force along with new technology there is a need to reorganise many aspects in the organisation these include but are not limited to command and control setup inter service integration hr function organisational culture and attitude etc etc this study focuses on the reorganisation already due and suggests ideas for the future

**Reorganising the Air Force for Future Operations** 2009-09-19 alan white served in the raf from 1953 to 1987 roughly the period of the cold war his introduction to flying came in his university air squadron this

seduced him into dropping out of university and joining the raf he initially had success during the piston engine stages of his training but damage to a vampire t11 and a bad start on the hunter weaponry course set his confidence back until he recovered during service with his first hunter squadron the infamous duncan sandys cuts of 1957 caused the closure of his squadron and he found himself towing air to air gunnery targets but luckily he was then moved to instruct on the hunter operational conversion unit where he developed his solo aerobatic display skills he was then posted to take hunters to singapore and form a squadron he became involved with the seato response to assist the thai governments request against communist insurgents from laos and spent five months at chiang mai camping in a paddy field after attending staff college he was posted to aden at a time of growing terrorist activity he worked with the c in c admiral sir michael le fanu upon his return to the uk he trained to fly the supersonic lightning fighter and eventually was promoted to lead a squadron there followed a period of rapid promotion and he became station commander at raf leuchars his later appointments as air commodore included director of operations air defence senior staff officer hq 11 group air commodore plans at hq strike command where he assisted in the falklands conflict until he was promoted to his final rank and appointed deputy commander raf germany and then finally he became commandant raf staff college his account is full of interesting flying detail and the internal workings of the raf during those

dangerous cold war days

**Lightning Up** 1985 john howe started his flying career in the post war south african air force learning to fly on tiger moths harvards and spitfires he was posted to no 2 squadron saaf and sent to korea to fly with south africa s contribution to the war in support of the un forces this is his story

Master Airman 2009-01-19 a fascinating biography of one of the most important figures in bomber command during the second world war history of war ralph cochrane was born in 1895 into a distinguished naval family after joining the royal navy he volunteered in 1915 to serve with the rnas in airships and was an early winner of the air force cross in 1918 he transferred to the fledgling raf and learned to fly serving in iraq as a flight commander under bomber harris his inter war career saw him as a squadron commander in aden before he became the first chief of air staff of the royal new zealand air force during the second world war he served mainly in bomber command and commanded 5 group from early 1943 he formed 617 squadron and was instrumental in planning the legendary dambuster raid the most spectacular of the war as well as the sinking of the battleship tirpitz an inspirational leader he trained 5 group in low level target marking skills post war cochrane held a string of senior appointments commanding transport command flying training command and finally as vice chief of air staff retiring in 1952 he died in 1977 a brilliantly researched biography of a fascinating fighter adds a new name to rank

alongside great britain s most heroic warriors argunners the dambusters is one of my absolute favourite stories from wwii and this bio of cochrane tells the story of an extraordinary man brilliant books monthly

**Upward and Onward** 2020-12-30 sir michael beetham enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the royal air force he joined the raf as a pilot in 1941 and was awarded the dfc whilst serving with bomber command during 1943 44 remaining in the post war raf a number of flying and staff appointments followed notably he drafted the first specification for the ill fated tsr 2 and later joined the v force as commanding officer of 214 sqn at marham beetham then served at the heart of bomber command s affairs when the v force was at the forefront of the nation s defenses the most critical moment came with the cuban missile crisis in 1962 in 1964 he was given command of khormaksar in aden the raf s biggest overseas station his arrival coincided with the start of a terrorist campaign against british forces in aden more senior appointments followed notably as commander 2nd tactical air force and commander in chief raf germany but the big prize came in 1977 when beetham was appointed chief of the air staff in 1982 came the argentine invasion of the falkland islands as acting chief of the defence staff he was involved in the decision to send the task force to battle after victory in the falklands sir michael beetham handed over as cas and was appointed marshal of the royal air force

**Dambuster-in-Chief** 2011-01-01 a long overdue biography of the dedicated commander from new zealand who helped ward off the luftwaffe and save britain from a nazi invasion the battle of britain from july to september 1940 is one of the finest moments in britain s history while credit rightly goes to the few victory could never have happened without the inspirational command and leadership of new zealander keith park he and air chief marshal sir hugh dowding ensured that fighter command was prepared for the nazi onslaught promoted to air vice marshal park took over no 11 group responsible for the defense of london and south east england in april 1940 a shrewd tactician and hands on commander park carefully husbanded his limited resources and famously wore down goering s luftwaffe thus forcing hitler to abandon his invasion plans shamefully dowding and park were dismissed from their commands in the aftermath of victory due to internal raf politics fortunately park s career was far from over and his management of the defense of malta made a significant contribution to victory in the mediterranean this balanced and well overdue account aims to ensure that air chief marshal sir keith park receives the credit for this victory that he so richly deserves includes photographs

**Stay the Distance** 1946 sam elworthys career was remarkable by any standards born in new zealand in 1911 and educated in england he was called to the bar after learning to fly he joined the raaf during the second world war he won the dfc dso and afc and after



commanding 82 squadron worked closely with bomber harris and general eisenhower he became an air commodore aged 33 his meteoric rise continued post war switching to fighter command he saw service in india pakistan and the uk before becoming commandant of the raf staff college by 1960 he was tri service c in c middle east and his actions prevented the invasion of kuwait by iraq as chief of air staff and chief of defense staff in the 1960s he fought the services corner at a difficult political and economic time he secured the long term future of the raf whose very existence was threatened a hugely respected figure he became a life peer knight of the garter and constable of windsor castle he died in 1993 in his native new zealand this long overdue biography attempts successfully to do justice to a man of great stature integrity and achievement

Burma Air Victory, December 1943-June 1945 2021-03-03 the ladder of his life is about air chief marshal idris latif and his varied experiences as a fighter pilot as chief of the indian air force governor of maharashtra and ambassador to france he is a scion of a family from which several members left eminent positions to devote their lives to follow mahatma gandhi always a topper during his education and as a flyer as recorded in his log book he was just 18 years old when he joined the air force on 1st september 1941 after his training he was sent to the uk during world war 11 for a year where he updated his skills on the latest fighters in 1978 he became chief of his beloved indian air force the book gives insights into these years

particularly his assessment of challenges faced their priorities and his approach and actions in their resolution the book includes accounts of interesting interactions with leading personalities such as prime ministers smt indira gandhi shri morarji desai shri rajiv gandhi some ministers and respected national personalities such as mr b k nehru and some of our own air chiefs there are highlights when later as governor of maharashtra he was in a totally different environment and the problems that confronted him were also very different however the success that he achieved particularly as chancellor of the university of then bombay were no less meaningful as chairman of the committee for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the state his proposal to focus on the top priority requirement of every district was appreciated both by the state government and citizens as ambassador to france the book stresses the heart warming and stimulating environment and the opportunities and achievements in the fields of culture defence and commerce for enhancing india s image and promoting collaboration for mutual benefit shortly before leaving france a suggestion by prime minister rajiv gandhi took him entirely by surprise the book concludes with an account of a few special post retirement involvements in matters of national significance

**Air Marshal Sir Keith Park** 1962 forming the pathfinders

**To Know the Sky** 1994-01-01 the story of a man with outstanding courage and abilities who despite his youth was appointed head of the pathfinder force bennett was accepted as a trainee pilot with the

royal australian air force and went on to obtain his first class navigator s licence

**Reggie** 2018-10-30 john severne joined the raf in 1944 and gained his wings two months after world war ii ended this book captures the authors great passion for flying whether it be in jet fighters light aircraft helicopters or making model planes and gives details of his long a illustrious career his first posting was to no 264 night fighter squadron flying the de havilland mosquito on a flying instructors course at the central flying school he flew a lancaster spitfire and his first jet the vampire posted to germany as a flight commander on a venom squadron he was awarded an air force cross for landing an aircraft that had caught fire as a squadron leader he became equerry to the duke of edinburgh then followed a period as chief instructor on britains first supersonic fighter the english electric lightning later he became wing commander ops at the joint hq of middle east command where he was involved in counter terrorist operations in aden as station commander of raf kinloss he was responsible for the introduction of the nimrod in 1971 and at the height of the cold war when these new anti submarine aircraft were a vital part of britains defense

*'SAM' Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy* 2013-09-15 describes the author s experiences as a pilot during the 1914 18 war the empire air training scheme as raaf representative on combined chiefs of staff organisation in washington and as director general of

civil aviation

**The Ladder of His Life (Biography of Air Chief Marshal Idris Hasan Latif, PVSM)** 2010 if the indian air force had not put our troops airlifted in the early hours of 27th october 1947 from delhi on the ground at srinagar which was menacingly threatened by pakistan forces the history and map of india might well have been quite different in those momentous hours the indian army and indian air force in a heroic joint operation began to roll back the blatant aggression of pakistani military and save jammu kashmir from the marauders independent india s first war started with no other means available to assist the beleaguered local forces and indian army troops were moved by air under grave emergency conditions from delhi to stem the enemy s advance from this point started the saga of the an almost forgotten war the first and the longest war independent india was forced to fight and where the fledgling air force emaciated by partition and preoccupied with relief and rescue operations following massive riots and demographic movements played a crucial role in india s defence indian air force continued to play a vital role during that most incredible war and this book chronicles the history of its role where all the bits and pieces have been brought together by the painstaking persistence of the author to share the glorious record of the indian air force the men in blue knowing the challenges of an aggressive military the weather and terrain of high altitude and the difficulties of supplying our troops working closely with the army knew that it

executed one of most brilliant military campaigns in its history under the most daunting circumstances feats that it has continued to repeat ever since then but time and again the air force moved troops into critical battles and provided extensive combat support in uncharted areas to turn the tide within the iaf the deeds of pilots engineers technicians and other personnel during that war became legend and inspired succeeding generations but little has been written or known in and outside the service about how our inheritance was shaped by so few this volume tells the story for the first time painstakingly put together from extensive research and interviews by the author

**Forming the Pathfinders** 1970 the life of air vice marshal alan reed ao is one that could read like a boy s own adventure from humble beginnings as a national service trainee in perth in 1952 alan s career took him all the way to the rank of air vice marshal and in command of over 12 000 people within the raaf support command organisation along the way alan flew a wide variety of raaf aircraft including the maritime version of the lincoln the canberra bomber the f 4e phantom and the f 111 his experiences included fortuitously being removed from a doomed lincoln flight that crashed into mt superbush in south east queensland a 24 day aroundthe world trip in a canberra formation and his opportunities to fly both the phantom and the f 111c in raaf service alan was also privileged to be one of only six raaf pilots to fly phantoms on exchange with the usaf during the vietnam war where he flew over 100 reconnaissance missions during a 179

temporary duty assignment receiving the usaf distinguished flying cross alan passed away on 24 july 2021 not before he had the chance to reminisce with many of his compatriots at the air force s centenary commemorations on 31 march 2021 this book draws upon the content of alan s autobiography also entitled invited to a war and presents the episodes of alan s life in the raaf it tells the story of a man who dedicated his life to the raaf and despite the highs and lows of any service career never lost his passion for flying

**The Air Marshals** 1928 this is the second volume in the australian centenary history of defence series histories of air forces often focus on aeroplanes at the expense of people yet while aircraft represent a unique even exciting form of combat power they are simply an extension of human ingenuity skill courage and resilience it is not machines that make history and cause organisations to prosper it is people in the course of its eighty year history the royal australian air force has developed an enviable reputation this volume tells that story through the experiences of the airmen and airwomen who have served australia around the world and over the years from mesopotamia in 1915 to east timor in 2000 book jacket

*Monthly Air Force List* 1977 this is the definitive biography of one of the most controversial figures of the second world war sir arthur harris remains the target of criticism and vilification by many while others believe that the contribution he and his men made to the allied victory is grossly undervalued harris has been condemned in particular

for his area bombing tactics which saw civilians and their homes become legitimate targets along with industrial and military installations this is explored by the author and placed fully within its context and just as importantly within the instructions he received from churchill s administration henry probert s critical but highly sympathetic account draws on wide ranging research and for the first time all of harris own papers to give an outstanding insight into a man who combined leadership professionalism and decisiveness with kindness humour and generosity

**Portal of Hungerford** 1991 includes 14 illustrations of the units planes and personnel of the eagle squadrons during the perilous years of 1940 1941 a small band of americans joined the royal air force to help england resist nazi germany they did so while the united states remained a neutral power and overcame significant obstacles to accomplish their objective over time the raf formed three fighter units known collectively as the eagle squadrons around these volunteer pilots these americans flew alongside their british comrades in fighter and bomber escort missions until 1942 when they transferred into the united states army air forces the eagle squadron pilots made noteworthy contributions to the raf assisting them in their transition from fighting a defensive war to waging an offensive campaign against the german luftwaffe and helping pave the way to an eventual allied victory

**Pathfinder Bennett** 2007-10-06 a history of the conceptual development

of air power in the raaf from the formation of the central flying school in 1913 to the outbreak of war in 1939 based on the diaries and notebooks of air vice marshal h n wigley cbe dfc afc

**Silvered Wings** 1970 some of the most senior commanders of the royal air force are already well known and have received considerable attention from historians and biographers little however has been written about most of those who have held the highest appointment the service has to offer the 22 biographies in this book include all 19 past chiefs of the 3 air staff and three other very senior commanders drawn from a wide cross section of the nation s talent their varied careers reflect the history of the service itself in war time as well as in peace time

**The Air Force List** 1977 this is the story of an ordinary pilot of the indian air force during the early days of the second world war as a seventh course pilot of the i a f he gives his personal experiences of training and life in the air force the aircraft flown operations in the north west frontier and against the japanese in burma

*These are Facts* 2013-10-15 this is the first time that an air chief is sharing his thoughts and memories with the reading public his span of service covers a period of thirty three years from the end of 1939 to the beginning of 1973 it includes the burma campaign of world war ii the restricted fighting in kashmir in 1947 and 1948 the chinese debacle in 1962 and the two full scale wars with pakistan in 1965 and 1971 he had 4 274 hrs of flying with the air force to his credit and



the experience of flying 58 types of aircraft from wapitis to supersonic jets in 1965 he was the vice chief of air staff and in 1971 the chief his honesty and forthrightness many readers will find engaging but perhaps a few who were on the scene then may find them unpalatable in a way this is the story of aviation in india in particular of the indian air force it is a story of a real life adventure the genesis growth and achievements of the youngest of the three defence services sir winstom churchill said of the raf never before in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few that is true also of the indian air force though this does not purport to be a history of the indian air force without it no history would be complete

**An Incredible War: IAF in Kashmir War 1947-1948** 2007

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Invited to War 1969

The Debt We Owe 1963

*From Boxkite to Jet* 1992

*Profiles of Members of the Armed Forces Ruling Council* 2021

*Cavalier in the Sky* 1957

Leader of the Few 1942

*ABC of the RAF* 2001

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