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INVENTORY OF SOME OF MY WW I ERA AIRPLANE AND RELATED BOOKS

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Almost all have some minor marks – underline, circles, brief notes, etc., since I used and referenced them in my Science, Technology and Society [STS] research.

Some have a lot of marks on almost every page. These are specifically noted by “XXX” or other indication.

Otherwise, they are usually in good condition, considering how old some are. They were stored in good dry areas and not subject to moisture, mold, dirt, etc., other than dust.

So some of the novels – I must note that they are very entertaining and informative of what really went on in that time period – I personally enjoyed them, besides using the information for my STS research – maybe you even have some of these books and know the details.

Many try to make the era out to be very romantic and gentlemanly – and some of it was. But it was also war and people killed people or they would be killed. All sorts of human good and bad traits are presented in these books.

Like many in STS, I am interested to try to help people understand STS better so they can better manage it in more modern times and in their own lives. That was what NSF was funding. We all know the dramatic global changes that are taking place today because of STS.

“PAPERBACKS”

Full Circle – The Tactics of Air Fighting – 1914-1964 – J. E. Johnson
1964

– fantastic perspective – we are back to one on one again – if you read Tom Clancy’s novels he gives the details – except they do not even see each other anymore – they fight each other miles away – just blips on a computer screen & you can forget there is a human behind that blip on the screen!!!

There is a new edition apparently as of 03/2007

The Canvas Falcons – Stephen Longstreet

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1970
ISBN 0345308913

The Falcons of France – Nordhoff & Hall
1929, 1957, 1966 this printing

A Killing for the Hawks – Frederick Smith
1966

Fighting the Flying Circus – Eddie Rickenbacker – what a guy!
1965

Flying Aces of WW I – Gene Gurney
1965

Winged Warfare – Billy Bishop
1967

Flying Fury James McCudden
1968

Aces of Aces – Rene Fonck
1967

Fighting Airman – Charles Biddle
1968

[Many of above authors were famous WW I pilots!]

Who Killed the Red Baron – Carisella & Ryan
1969
ISBN 0380475146

– PBS TV had a special a few years ago that reviewed all of this and basically came up with the same conclusion – odd shot by Australian infantryman I believe, since the Red Baron may have been distracted – fascinating TV “CSI” like investigation – see page #195 for more specifics + some things people do not like to talk about – humans being human!

See other hardback listing:

Von Richthofen and the Flying Circus
Bruce Robertson, Editor
1964
ISBN 816863954
Incredible research & detail – confirms that Australian

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Infantryman killed the Red Baron & not Brown
Same conclusion in paperback

“HARDCOVER”

High Flew the Falcons – The French Aces of WW I – Herbert Molloy
Mason + dust cover
1965

Getting Off The Ground – The Pioneers of Aviation Speak for
Themselves - Vecsey & Dade + dust cover
1979
ISBN 0525113339

In the Company of Eagles – Ernest Gann - + dust cover
1966
[Originally \$5.95]

Upside-Down Pangborn – King of Barnstormers – Carl Cleveland
Some marks – some funny stories – lion lick & chemical bomb at
sports event
ISBN 0911721045

Flying the Mail – Donald Dale Jackson - Time-Life Series – coffee table
type book – fantastic pictures
ISBN 080943329x

Antique Airplanes – Chris Sorensen - coffee
table type book – but only black and white pictures + dust cover
ISBN 0684158175

Flying the Old Planes – Frank Tallman – a classic!!! - coffee
table type book - > 20 planes featured but only a few colored
pictures – I think he might be the Cole Palen [see below] of the
west coast!
NOTE – SOME MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE
ISBN 0385091575

Barnstormers & Speed Kings – Paul O’Neil - Time-Life Series – coffee
table type book – fantastic pictures – great picture of JN-4D
Jenny page #26-27!!!
NOTE – MANY MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE
ISBN 0809432757

Knights of the Air – Ezra Bowen – Time-Life Series – coffee table type

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book – fantastic pictures
NOTE – MANY MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE
ISBN 0809432528

The Great Air Races – Don Vorderman
NOTE – MANY MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE

Tracks Across the Sky – US Air Mail - Page Shamburger
1964
NOTE – MANY MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE
Recently saw on Ebay for \$15 very good condition.
Ebay 03/2007 like new about \$15-\$20
ISBN

Baling Wire, Chewing Gum, and Guts – Gates Flying Circus - Bill Rhode
NOTE – MANY MARKS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE
1970
ISBN 0804614245

Fighters 1914-19 – Kenneth Munson – a classic – small book packed with
details and great colored pictures
1968

Pioneer Aircraft 1903-1914 – Kenneth Munson – a classic - small book
packed with details and great colored pictures + dustcover

“JOURNALS”

WW I Aero – The Journal of The Early Aeroplane
[earlier called World-War-I Aeroplanes]
both by Leonard Opdycke Poughkeepsie, NY
1970's to late 1980's

Cross & Cockade Journal – Society of WW I Aero Historians
California – only a few issues – they went out of business due
To financial issues

“OTHER” –

Profile publications – “the” source for authentic data
Many say – from Great Britain – black & white
Photos but also various color schemes used - planes –

S.E. 5a
Sopwith Camel f.i

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Curtiss JN-4
D.H. 4
American D.H. 4
Sopwith Pup
Albatros DI-DIII
Albatros DV
Pfalz DIII
Nieuport N.28C-I
Nieuport 17

[Each originally \$3.95 around 1965 resale, 2 shillings \$0.50 from publisher]

Early Aeroplanes 1907-18 – Roy Cross
a big book – 13” x 18” – fantastic
colored drawings of planes in
great detail – since it is so big, it
did get damaged on the covers
but the pictures seem ok – i will
check again – i think all the pictures
are there

“Jenny’s” – all with some marks on almost all pages

Curtis Standard JN-4D military tractor handbook 1918

Curtiss OX-5 aeronautical engine handbook & repair manual 1925

US military aircraft 1908 to april 6, 1917 vol 3 curtiss J, N, JN-2, JN-32 AND N-8 by Robert Casari

1972

ISBN 091279206X

[Originally \$2.95]

US military aircraft 1908 to April 6, 1917 Vol 4 Curtiss JN-4, JN-4B, JN-4C, R-2, R-4 AND TWIN JN by Rober Casari

1974

ISBN 0912792108

[Originally \$2.95]

US military aircraft the World War I production program Vol 3 the Curtiss Jennies by Rober Casari

1975

ISBN 0912792124

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Somewhere in our attic I even have detailed plans for building a Jenny from the national air and space museum i think

If you ever visit Hammondsport, NY where Curtiss started, they may still have the upgraded museum – it is fantastic!

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome – museum in the sky!

Book – The Old Rinebeck Aerodrome

E. Gordon Bainbridge

1977

ISBN 0682488836

Cole Palen's place – + several other publications if you are interested

He has passed on many years ago however so I do not believe it operates any more – if you know of it, then you know how fantastic it was

If you do not know about him, he was a treasure – every Sunday during the good weather months in Rhinebeck, NY he would put on quite a show with ww i actual planes flying in “acts” like “get the black baron” with explosions, dog fights and other skits – very realistic – he was having a ball – it was his life – actual Jenny JN4H [what a lumbering giant when it was flying!!!], Sopwith, Fokker, etc. He kept flying – the crowd went wild!!! - maybe you have such an event in your region, but i haven't heard of it in any other place – i am originally from nearby troy, ny so i visited several times – it was a real treat even during the week when he was just doing maintenance on them to keep them flying

if you are from the northeastern USA and interested in WW I era airplanes, you probably knew of cole

WWI Aeroplanes #62 april 1977 featured cole and the aerodrome – admission was \$2 saturday and \$3 sunday!!!

when those rotary engines of some of the planes were spinning there was incredible momentum, noise back draft and even the smell of castor oil, if i am not mistaken!!!

as you can tell, I was a big fan!!!

Many books on building model airplanes – mostly the old stick / tissue paper style & peanut scale

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many specialized model airplane building materials and equipment also.

a few kits to build and a partially completed Sopwith Camel for one of those chain saw motors!

it was fun but life moves on.

“PAPERBACK”

De Havilland DH-4 – From Flaming Coffin to Living Legend

Walter J. Boyne [autographed!]

National Air & Space Museum

1984

ISBN 0874742773

World Aircraft origins – World War I

Angelucci & Matricardi

Rand McNally series

1975

ISBN 0528881655

Great color pictures!

[\$7.95 in 1975]

World Aircraft 1918-1935

Angelucci & Matricardi

Rand McNally series

1976

ISBN 0528881663

Great color pictures!

[\$7.95 in 1975]

Antique Plane Guide

Peter M. Bowers

1962

[\$2.45 in 1962]

A Brief History of Flying from Myth to Space Travel

C. H. Gibbs-Smith

1967

The Barnstormers

Don Dwiggins

1981

ISBN 0830622977

[\$5.95 in 1981]

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Eagles of the Third Reich – the Men Who Made the Luftwaffe
[Original title – Men of the Luftwaffe]

Samuel Mitcham

1988

ISBN 0891416218

[\$16.95 in 1997]

“XXX”

United States Air Force Museum

By Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio

Oldest & largest military aviation museum in world

Began 1923

Great black & white pictures of planes, etc. they have there.

No other information given in book

Measures about 8” x 11”

Bombers 1914-1939

History of the World Wars Special

Cooper & Batchelor

Some nice color photos

No other information available

[originally \$1.95]

Some pages broke away from the binding.

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The Great Air Races

Don Vorderman

1969

“XXX”

+ Letter from publisher and review.

[\$6.95 in 1969!]

De Haviland Aircraft Since 1909

A.J. Jackson

1962, 1978

“XXX”

Curtiss Aircraft 1907-1947

Peter M. Bowers

1979

ISBN 0370100298

Glenn Curtiss: Pioneer of Flight

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C.R. Roseberry
1972
"XXX"

War Planes of the First World War Volume 1
J. M. Bruce
1965
+ dustcover + letter from publisher
[originally \$3.50 in 1967]

War Planes of the First World War Volume 2
J. M Bruce
1968
+ dustcover

Barnstorming – The Great Years of Stunt Flying
Martin Caidin
1965
+ dustcover
[\$5.95 originally]
Withdrawn library book

Aeroplanes of World War I
Linecar & Green
1967
Just black & white drawings
+ dustcover
[Originally \$3.00]

The Spitfire Story
Alfred Price
1982
ISBN 0853688613
Incredible detail about this great plane!
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The Fighters – the Men and Machines of the First Air War

Thomas Funderburk

1965

ISBN 044801349

Nice black & white pictures and line drawings

Ride the High Wind – An Adventure Story of Flying in the 1920's

Bill Ong

1979

+ dustcover

Air Mail – An Illustrated History 1793 – 1081

Donald B. Holmes

1981

ISBN 0517541467

May be of interest to stamp collectors also – colored photos of cancelled stamps and items sent by air mail

Biplanes

Michael Jerram

1982

ISBN 0890095124

+ dustcover

Coffee table type book

Great detailed colored photos

The Age of the Biplane

Chaz Bowyer

1981

ISBN 0517399393

Coffee table type book – great colored pictures

[Originally \$9.98]

Sopwith Camel – King of Combat

Chaz Bowyer

1978

ISBN 095028257x

Jane's Historical Aircraft 1902-1916

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Countess of Drogheda and C. G. Grey
1972 [originally published 1917]

ISBN 0385013140

Good dictionary of terms and line drawings of specific
Parts of planes

Much of text has markings but not much on photo pages

14] **“OTHER”**

29th Annual Reunion OX-5 Aviation Pioneers
Niagara Falls 1984
[\$5.00 sometime afterward]

Yank

Mid Atlantic Air Museum

Reading, PA

June 4 & 5, 1994

Program Fourth Annual WW II Commemorative Weekend

Nice black & white pictures of aircraft + crude map of facilities & brief description
of events.