

OFFICIAL BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN AIR HISTORIES OF WW II

For those members who do not already have or know of the existence of the several English language aviation histories of WW II, the following information may be of use.

Both England and Australia are currently (and slowly) publishing a long series of official histories dealing with all aspects of WW II. The English military series covers 28 volumes, including three on "The Strategic Air Offensive". About $\frac{1}{4}$ have been published to date. Many overlap in coverage and most deal to some extent with the air war.

Not included in the above series is the popularly written and official "History of the Royal Air Force 1939-45" in three volumes by Richards and Saunders. This excellent set is probably all that will ever be available, except as noted above.

"History of the Royal Air Force, 1939-45" by D. Richards and H. Saunders; 3 vols; 1286 pages total, including 61 maps, 63 illustrations, 15 pages of performance figures on Allied and enemy aircraft, and numerous appendices. Seems to fall down mostly in operations of the Fleet Air Arm and in overwater attacks such as the Malta campaign, but is an outstanding history. Available from any British book dealer or from British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y. (Ask for Sectional List No. 60). Price about \$7.75 p.p. for set.

The Australian series numbers 13 volumes on military including the following four:

- * "Royal Australian Air Force, 1939-42" by D. Gillison
- "Air War Against Japan, 1943-45" by G. Odgers
- "Air War Against Germany and Italy, 1939-43" by J. Herington
- "Air Power over Europe, 1944-45" by J. Herington
- * Not yet published (Spring, 1958)

Two volumes published to date include 1,264 pages total, 73 maps, 162 illustrations, 33 pages of Allied and enemy aircraft performance figures, outstanding index. Since Australian airmen were distributed very uniformly throughout the English RAF, this set is very complete in overall operations in all theaters; and generally more detailed than the above set. From British book dealers at about \$4.00 per volume.

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4th FIGHTER GROUP BOOK REPRINT

Grover C. Hall Jr., author of the World War II classic 1000 Destroyed, The Life and Times of the 4th Fighter Group in WWII, is considering reprinting in paperback form this book on the top scoring group of the ETO.

He would like to have a consensus of opinion as to whether the book would sell or not as he will have to underwrite the cost of printing himself. Would anyone so interested please write him at The Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery 2, Alabama.

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