

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NON-FICTION AVIATION MATERIAL IN LIBERTY

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Liberty magazine was a good source of well-illustrated aviation material in the 1920s and '30s. "War Birds", "The Red Knight of Germany", and "Falcons of France" first appeared as serials in this publication, the latter under the title, "Knights of the Blue". Members having access to library files of Liberty might be interested in some of the following titles:

1. "Getting Down" by General William Mitchell. Nov. 30, 1929. With 5 photos and 6 drawings by Clayton Knight. The famous commander of the A. E. F. air forces discusses stalls, spins and forced landings.
2. "The Trans-Pacific Flight" by James W. Warner, as told to John Robert Johnson. April 19, 1930. With 8 photos and a map. Kingsford-Smith's 1928 flight from California to Australia in the tri-motored Fokker, Southern Cross, as related by the plane's radio operator.
3. "Outside Looping with Al Williams" or "How to Keep from Growing Old" by Richard Carroll. Sept. 6, 1930. With photos, and pictures by Clayton Knight. The author accompanies the noted aerobatic pilot through a series of manoeuvres including outside and inverted loops in a Kinner Fleet.
4. "Roman Holiday" by Richard Carroll. Oct. 25, 1930. With numerous photos of aircraft and famous personalities of the time. Thrills and chills at the National Air Races in Chicago, featuring the best planes and pilots of 2 hemispheres.
5. "What's the Matter with Aviation?" by Bogart Rogers. Nov. 22, 1930. With drawings by Garret Price. A W. W. I pilot and author senses growing pains in an infant industry.
6. "They Call Him Daddy" by Richard Carroll. Dec. 13, 1930. With photo-portraits, 26 of the world's greatest pilots, polled by the author, pay tribute to Charles Kingsford-Smith.
7. "Where are the Early Birds?" by Richard Carroll. Jan. 3, 1931. With photo-portraits and photo of Beachey's pusher in the air. Reminiscences about aviation's old-timers.
8. "Chivalry in the Air" by Lt. Col. William A. Bishop. Jan. 24, 1931. With photo-portrait and 2 drawings by Clayton Knight. A famous ace's tribute to the men who fought with him and against him. Includes an account of the author's duel with Richthofen.
9. "Uncle Sam, Aerial Slowpoke" by Al Williams. Jan. 31, 1931. With 7 photos and 1 diagram. The holder of the American speed record laments the lead of other nations over the U.S. in the air. This article prompted the proprietors of Liberty to offer \$5000 toward a U.S. entry for the next Schneider Trophy race.

10. "Aviation Responds" by Swanee Taylor. Feb. 21, 1931. With 6 photos. A well-known aviation personality rises to the defense. A reply to Bogart Rogers' "What's the Matter with Aviation?" (item 5).
11. "From Aiken to Chicago" by Robert Wood. April 25, 1931. Drawing by Clayton Knight, and map. Through fog and icing conditions in a Sikorsky amphibian.
12. "The Greatest Flyer of them All" by Major General J. E. Fechet. May 16, 1931. With 2 photos. The chief of the Army Air Corps describes the perfect pilot, and wonders who he might be.
13. "Billy Barker, Deadliest Ace of All" by Lt. Col. William A. Bishop, V. C. Aug. 29, 1931. With photo-portrait and 2 drawings by Clayton Knight. A brother ace's tribute to a Canadian farm boy who once took on 60 Fokkers in a somewhat one-sided dogfight.
14. "No Parachutes" by Alan Winslow. Book-length, 6 part serial of W.W. I aviation in France, by the first officer in the U.S. Air Service to bring down an enemy plane. Weekly instalments from Feb. 25 to April 1, 1933. Forewords by Brig. Gen. William Mitchell and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. Illustrated by W. MacRae Gillies and photos.
15. "Let's Take the Bunk out of Flying" by Al Williams. Jan. 6, 1934. With 3 photos and 1 drawing by Howard W. Arnold. A famous racing pilot casts a sardonic eye on the "Drama of the Air".
16. "I Flew Lawrence in War-Crazed Arabia" by Capt. John H. Norton, as told to J.B. L. Lawrence (no relation). A 4 part serial in weekly instalments from Jan. 20, 1934 to Feb. 10, 1934. Illustrated by Monte Crews and photos. W.W. I desert adventures with Lawrence of Arabia.
17. "I Flew for the Hell of it" by Kenneth Brown Collings. A 3 part serial in weekly instalments from May 4, 1935 to May 18, 1935. Illustrated by Clayton Knight and photos. A U.S. Marine aviator's experiences flying in France in W.W. I; post-war flying in Haiti and the U.S., plus civil barnstorming, air circus, and air line work.
18. "Canada Flies Again" by Kim Beattie. July 6, 1935. Photo. Commercial aviation starts a comeback in Canada.
19. "Canada's Forgotten Hero" No author listed. July 13, 1935. Photo. A brief biographical sketch of (then) Wing Commander Raymond Collishaw, Canada's second ranking ace of W.W. I.
20. "Flying Madmen" by Marion Aten, D.F.C., as told to H. Bedford-Joner. A 5 part serial in weekly instalments from Aug. 31, 1935 to Sept. 28, 1935. Illustrated by Will Graven and photos. An American soldier of fortune flying with Ray Collishaw against the Red Russians in 1919.
21. "Flying to Kill" by Alan Hynd. A 5 part serial in weekly instalments from Dec. 23, 1929 to Jan. 20, 1940. Illustrated by Joe Kotula and photos. The story of Billy Bishop, the White Knight of Canada - to quote the subtitle.