

NEWS & COMMENTS

Vol. 31, No. 3, Fall 1986 “More on the TWA Fokker F10A Crash,” by Richard S. Allen

We have had a relative of Knute Rockne reach out to the AAHS for assistance relating to the TWA 599 Fokker crash in which he was killed.

Specifically, they are trying to find a copy of the official (CAA?) accident investigation report. Mr. Allen cites his copy of this document as being from the U.S. Air Force Museum Library. On querying them, they report that they do not have any record of it existing.

A similar request to NARA with respect to the CAA files they hold has resulted in a response that the accidents folder was “disposed.”

After his death in 2008, many of Richard Allen’s files found a home at the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway. A search of the Allen collection finding aid seems to indicate that his aviation files were either not included in this donation, or were subsequently disposed of.

There is a request in to the National Air and Space Museum archivists to see if they might have a copy of the accident report.

This is inclusive at this time.

Questions that might be able to help locate a copy:

- 1) Do you have in your files, or know where one might locate a copy of the official accident report of TWA Flight 599?
- 2) Do know where Richard S. Allen’s aviation files might have ended up?

Please response to this editor (editor@aahs-online.org) if you can assist in this search.

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AAHS Managing Editor

Vol 69, No. 2. Summer 2024 – The 737 and the Thrust Reverser, or, Just One More Day by Bob Bogash

Dear Sir,

Enjoyed the Bogash story very much. Would enjoy a story about Bensen Gyrocopters with the follow on of Ken Brock. Or, a story on El Mirage Glider Port and the Breigleb family that ran it, I believe. In any event, I look forward to receiving my *Journal*.

Cordially,
Jack Gardner

New Book

Our friends in the Aviation Historical Society of Australia have alerted us to a new publication that may be of interest to Golden Age historians.

Koene Parmentier’s book, *In Drie Dagen Naar Australië*, was originally published in 1935 and has recently been translated from Dutch for the 90th Anniversary of the air race.

This first English edition by the captain of the Uiver, *To Australia in Three Days*, gives a rare insight into the Uiver’s participation in the London-Melbourne Air Race – a precursor to the international air travel we know today – and an almost minute-by-minute commentary on the drama that unfolded over Albury that stormy night in 1934.

Paperback, 156 x 234mm, 320 pages, including 15 diagrams and maps, 109 photographs, and a new foreword by Dick Smith AC.

This book is extraordinary because it is the pilot’s version of events, which was a real highlight to me, and this is the first time it has been translated to English, through the astute effort of the Uiver Memorial Community Trust. The book is now available for purchase directly from the UMCT at <https://www.uivermemorial.org.au> *To Australia in Three Days* comprises 320 pages, including 15 diagrams and maps, 109 photographs, and a new foreword by Australian entrepreneur and aviator Dick Smith AC. It is priced at AUD\$40 + post and packing of \$50 (approximately \$58 US in total).

Vol. 68, No. 3, Fall -2023 – Inside back cover - Correction



Member Douglas Slowiak has kindly pointed out that the photo of the Grumman OV-1C, purported to have been taken “at an undisclosed Southern California airport” was actually taken about 500 miles east at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. As to the photographer, he states, “Take your pick. There were six of us standing shoulder-to-shoulder, clicking away.”

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