



The Air Corps In Flight

The Air Corps celebrates 100 years of flight

The Fougas Magister. The Fougas's place in Irish Air Corps history makes for some dynamic photography in the book.

From its foundation, the Air Corps has played an important part in the aviation life of the country, from the acquisition of an aircraft to extract Michael Collins from London should the Treaty negotiations fail, through to the present day. Along the way it witnessed and contributed to the first East-West crossing of the Atlantic, the foundation of Aer Lingus and many other aviation milestones.

This official Air Corps publication marking the centenary of powered flight records the contribution that the Air Corps has made to the development of aviation both nationally and internationally. Described in the foreword by Brigadier General Ralph James as a 'photographic collection', this is not a photographic history. The editors extended an open invitation for photographs to be submitted and many of those featured are being published for the first time.

The book traces more or less in chronological order the progression of

the Air Corps. All decades, with perhaps the exception of the 1930s, are well covered. The book excels in its coverage of the last fifty years where

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the vast selection from which photographs were selected is obvious. These photos portray both the routine and the extraordinary. Many photographs

capture elements and show an empathy with the pilots and the machines they fly that would rarely be present in 'professional' photographs.

The highlight of the book is the period of the late eighties and the nineties featuring the Fougas trainers. There are exceptional shots of the Silver Swallows display team, as well shots of spectacular low runs by individual pilots. This book will appeal to many. Although not a history of the Air Corps, for those familiar with that history it is a perfect companion. For those unfamiliar with the Air Corps and its history, this book will whet their appetite. Above all, this is a photograph album that could be left on any table and enjoyed by all visitors.

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