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Pioneers of Aerial Combat

Air Battles of the First World War

Pen and Sword When the Wright Brothers made their first flight in the early years of the twentieth century it sparked the imagination of those who wanted to fly, both in their country and around the world. In Britain, however, the spark wasn't strong enough to light a fire and it was in other parts of Europe, notably France, where flight began to develop seriously. Early pioneers of flight faced a high level of danger and many died in pursuit of fulfilling their dream. Although aircraft design had made incredible progress by the time of the outbreak of war, accidents still occurred on a regular basis. For some time, as many pilots died in accidents as they did in combat. This publication consolidates a range of stories, insights, and facts that, when combined, offer a vivid impression of events as they unfolded. The chaos stirred up during the First World War and the scramble to develop aircraft in response to the threat to homeland security is eloquently relayed, as are the battles that characterized this conflicted era. The reality of conflict gave aviation engineers and designers the opportunity to test their craft in the harshest of environments, pushing the benchmark ever higher in terms of what could be achieved. Sure to appeal to aviation enthusiasts and historians alike, this work offers the reader a full account of the developmental early days of flight.

Aces Falling

War Above The Trenches, 1918

Hachette UK How the age of the great WWI aces came to an end in the skies over the Western Front At the beginning of 1918 the great aces seemed invincible. Flying above the battlefields of the Western Front, they cut a deadly swathe through the ranks of their enemies, as each side struggled to keep control of the air. Some were little more than boys when they started to fly, yet they were respected and feared as some of the deadliest killers in the sky. But as the press of fighting increased with the great offensives of 1918, nervous stress and physical exhaustion finally began to take their toll - and one by one the aces began to fall. This book charts the rise and fall of the WWI aces in the context of the vast battles that were taking place in 1918. It shows the vital importance of reconnaissance, and how large formations of aircraft became the norm - bringing an end to the era of the old, heroic 'lone wolves'. As the First World War came to a close very few of the aces survived. This epic history of the final year of the air war is both a chronicle of the ways in which 1918 changed aerial combat forever, and a requiem for the pioneers of aerial combat who eventually became the victims of their own brilliant innovations.

The Drone Wars

Pioneers, Killing Machines, Artificial Intelligence, and the Battle for the Future

Bombardier Books In the battle for the streets of Mosul in Iraq, drones in the hands of ISIS terrorists made life hell for the Iraq army and civilians. Today, defense companies are racing to develop the lasers, microwave weapons, and technology necessary for confronting the next drone threat. Seth J. Frantzman takes the reader from the midnight exercises with Israel's elite drone warriors, to the CIA headquarters where new drone technology was once adopted in the 1990s to hunt Osama bin Laden. This rapidly expanding technology could be used to target nuclear power plants and pose a threat to civilian airports. In the Middle East, the US used a drone to kill Iranian arch-terrorist Qasem Soleimani, a key Iranian commander. Drones are transforming the battlefield from Syria to Libya and Yemen. For militaries and security agencies—the main users of expensive drones—the UAV market is expanding as well; there were more than 20,000 military drones in use by 2020. Once the province of only a few militaries, drones now being built in Turkey, China, Russia, and smaller countries like Taiwan may be joining the military drone market. It's big business, too—\$100 billion will be spent over the next decade on drones.

Militaries may soon be spending more on drones than tanks, much as navies transitioned away from giant vulnerable battleships to more agile ships. The future wars will be fought with drones and won by whoever has the most sophisticated technology.

The Pioneer Mustang Group

The 354th Fighter Group in World War II

Schiffer Publishing As the first unit to fly the Merlin-engined P-51B in combat, the 354th Fighter Group adopted the nickname "Pioneer Mustang Group." Until D-Day, it escorted 8th AF heavy bombers to targets on the European Continent. The group then moved to France and supported Patton's Third Army from Normandy to Bavaria, and also participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Its pilots scored over 600 confirmed air victories, and forty-three of them became aces. This book is an almost day-to-day account of their aerial combat experiences and the "gypsy" lifestyle they and their support personnel led as they moved from one airfield to another across Western Europe.

Immelmann

The Eagle of Lille

Casemate / Greenhill A biography of one of Germany's pioneers in aerial combat: "a great read" (Internet Modeler). Max Immelmann was born in Dresden, the son of a container factory owner. When World War I started, Immelmann was recalled to active service, transferred to the Luftstreitkräfte, and sent for pilot training in November 1914. He was on his way to becoming a legendary flying ace. Initially stationed in northern France as a reconnaissance aviator, he was shot down by a French pilot but managed to land safely behind German lines. He was decorated with the Iron Cross, Second Class for preserving his aircraft. Later in 1915, he became one of the first German fighter pilots, quickly building an impressive score of victories as he became known as The Eagle of Lille, Der Adler von Lille. Known for the aerial combat maneuver that bears his name; for the use of a machine gun synchronized to fire forward through the propeller arc; and for his association with the Fokker Eindecker, Germany's first fighter aircraft, Immelmann was the first pilot to be awarded the Pour le Mérite, Germany's highest military honor—which became colloquially known as the "Blue Max" in the German Air Service. Along with Oswald Boelcke and other pilots, Immelmann was one of the main instigators of the Fokker Scourge, which inflicted heavy losses upon British and French aircrews during 1915. He was credited with fifteen victories—the final one coming on March 30, 1916. This Casemate edition of Max Immelmann's biography does not change a word from the

original 1930 edition, but for the first time, reworks the original type and page layout to provide a beautiful and highly readable new treatment to this classic of aviation literature.

Pioneers of Radar

Sutton Pub Limited In 1935 a simple demonstration in the Midlands of the reflection of radio waves from an overflying aircraft led to the development of a war-winning device - radar. This volume tells the story of a team of mainly young scientists and engineers who played a vital part in enabling Britain to outwit the onslaught of the Nazi bombers during World War II. It reveals how they fought the radar war-within-a-war, providing solutions to each new threat posed by the enemy.

U.S. Air Force Studies on Recent Operations

UAVs, Airlift in Enduring Freedom, Aerial Combat, Manned Aircraft Combat Losses, Weather in Air Campaigns, Somalia, Response to Hurricane Katrina

*This is a collection of eight U.S. Air Force studies on recent operations, providing unique insights into important issues involving the Air Force. Contents: PART 1: A COUNTRY TOO FAR: U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOMALIA, 1992-1994 * PART 2: WEATHER IN AIR CAMPAIGNS, 1990-2003 * PART 3: USAF MANNED AIRCRAFT COMBAT LOSSES 1990-2002 * PART 4: NO CONTEST: AERIAL COMBAT IN THE 1990s * PART 5: INTERTHEATER AIRLIFT CHALLENGES OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM * PART 6: USAF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS, 1990-2003 * PART 7: U.S. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES IN COMBAT, 1991-2003 * PART 8: THE US AIR FORCE RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA The chapter on unmanned aerial vehicles executive summary: Between 1991 and 2003, the United States used a variety of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in combat operations. These included the Pioneer, the Pointer, the Hunter, the Predator, the Global Hawk, the Dragon Eye, the Desert Hawk, and the Shadow. During those thirteen years the role of UAVs expanded from mere reconnaissance to target designation and attack. Advantages of UAVs over manned aircraft systems include eliminating pilot risk, saving money, providing long-term realtime video reconnaissance, and reducing the time between target identification*

and destruction. UAVs are especially useful for extremely long reconnaissance missions and for missions in areas of extreme danger. The percentage of unmanned aircraft sorties should continue to grow as UAV capabilities increase.

Pioneers of Amphibious Warfare, 1898-1945

Profiles of Fourteen American Military Strategists

McFarland The planning that allowed for the successful amphibious landings at the end of World War II actually began during the 1880s as the Marine Corps sought to define its role in the new Steel Navy. Officers braved skepticism, indifference and outright opposition to develop an amphibious warfare doctrine, with each service contributing. From the 1898 war with Spain through the disastrous 1915 Australian landing to the successful World War II assaults in the Pacific and northwest France, this chronological history explores the successes and failures pivotal to the concept of amphibious warfare through the lives and careers of fourteen officers instrumental to its development. Profiles include General George S. Patton, Jr.; Rear Admiral Walter C. Ansel, USN; Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, USMC; Admiral William Sims, USN; and Colonel Robert W. Huntington, USMC.

Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles: Transformation of the USAF.

The United States military should explore multiple types of Unmanned combat Air Vehicles (UCAVs) to deal with the realities of casualty aversion and increasing battlefield lethality, but should procure simple and expendable platforms now while developing more sophisticated, high technology unmanned strike aircraft for the future. There are several reasons to adopt unmanned attack aircraft. Casualty aversion and increasing lethality of ground based air defense are the most prevalent. There is a strong requirement for all services to address these issues as they develop new technologies and look to the lessons of Desert Storm, and Kosovo. Emerging design technology coupled with a proliferation of real time intelligence information is making manned attack aircraft obsolete and too expensive. Of course, there are arguments against UCAVs; they may be technologically unworkable, decrease operational flexibility, increase fratricide risk and may be unnecessary given other similar weapons or even space based weaponry. The arguments for UCAVs outweigh the ones against; however, we must ensure that tactical, expendable UCAVs are developed in conjunction with other manned weapons systems and new munitions. The USAF should pioneer the eventual development of a

sophisticated long range UCAV, while all services pursue less expensive unmanned platforms to meet service requirements.

Wings over the Mexican Border

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Military Robots and Drones: A Reference Handbook

A Reference Handbook

ABC-CLIO This book provides an insightful introduction to the most important field of military innovation for the 21st century—robotic and drone weaponry. • A chronology of important events in robotic technology • A detailed bibliography on the latest sources related to this innovative technology

Bio-inspired Computation in

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Springer Science & Business Media Bio-inspired Computation in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles focuses on the aspects of path planning, formation control, heterogeneous cooperative control and vision-based surveillance and navigation in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) from the perspective of bio-inspired computation. It helps readers to gain a comprehensive understanding of control-related problems in UAVs, presenting the latest advances in bio-inspired computation. By combining bio-inspired computation and UAV control problems, key questions are explored in depth, and each piece is content-rich while remaining accessible. With abundant illustrations of simulation work, this book links theory, algorithms and implementation procedures, demonstrating the simulation results with graphics that are intuitive without sacrificing academic rigor. Further, it pays due attention to both the conceptual framework and the implementation procedures. The book offers a valuable resource for scientists, researchers and graduate students in the field of Control, Aerospace Technology and Astronautics, especially those interested in artificial intelligence and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. Professor Haibin Duan and Dr. Pei Li, both work at Beihang University (formerly Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics, BUAA). Prof Duan's academic website is: <http://hbduan.buaa.edu.cn>

Of Arms and Men

A History of War, Weapons, and Aggression

Oxford University Press The appearance of the crossbow on the European battle field in A.D. 1100 as the weapon of choice for shooting down knights threatened the status quo of medieval chivalric fighting techniques. By 1139 the Church had intervened, outlawing the use of the crossbow among Christians. With this edict, arms control was born. As Robert L. O'Connell reveals in this vividly written history of weapons in Western culture, that first attempt at an arms control measure characterizes the complex and often paradoxical relationship between men and arms throughout the centuries. In a sweeping narrative that ranges from prehistoric times to the nuclear age, O'Connell demonstrates how social and economic conditions determine the types of weapons and the tactics used in warfare and how, in turn, innovations in weapons technology often undercut social values. He describes, for instance, how the invention of the gun required a redefinition of courage from aggressive ferocity to calmness under fire; and how the machine gun in World War I so overthrew traditional notions of combat that Lord Kitchener exclaimed, "This isn't war!" The technology unleashed during the Great War radically altered our perceptions of ourselves, as these new weapons made human qualities almost irrelevant in combat. With the invention of the atomic bomb, humanity itself became subservient to the weapons it had produced. Of Arms and Men brilliantly integrates

the evolution of politics, weapons, strategy, and tactics into a coherent narrative, one spiced with striking portraits of men in combat and penetrating insights into why men go to war.

A Concise History of the U.S. Air Force

Department of the Air Force Except in a few instances, since World War II no American soldier or sailor has been attacked by enemy air power. Conversely, no enemy soldier or sailor has acted in combat without being attacked or at least threatened by American air power. Aviators have brought the air weapon to bear against enemies while denying them the same prerogative. This is the legacy of the U.S. Air Force, purchased at great cost in both human and material resources. More often than not, aerial pioneers had to fight technological ignorance, bureaucratic opposition, public apathy, and disagreement over purpose. Every step in the evolution of air power led into new and untrodden territory, driven by humanitarian impulses; by the search for higher, faster, and farther flight; or by the conviction that the air was the best way. Warriors have always coveted the high ground. If technology permitted them to reach it, men, women, and an air force held and exploited it – from Thomas Selfridge, first among so many who gave that “last full measure of devotion”; to “Women’s Airforce Service Pilot Ann Baumgartner, who broke social barriers to become the first American woman to pilot a jet; to Benjamin Davis, who broke racial barriers to become the first African American to command a flying group; to Chuck Yeager, a one-time non-commissioned flight officer who was the first to exceed the speed of sound; to John Levitow, who earned the Medal of Honor by throwing himself over a live flare to save his gunship crew; to John Warden, who began a revolution in air power thought and strategy that was put to spectacular use in the Gulf War. Industrialization has brought total war and air power has brought the means to overfly an enemy’s defenses and attack its sources of power directly. Americans have perceived air power from the start as a more efficient means of waging war and as a symbol of the nation’s commitment to technology to master challenges, minimize casualties, and defeat adversaries. This eight-two page book concludes that “future conflicts will bring new challenges for air power in the service of the nation.”

America's Black Air Pioneers, 1900-1939

The Aeronautical Exploits of Black

Pilots Including Hubert Julian, Mary Doughtry, Bessie Coleman, Eugene Jacques Bullard

Throughout the period 1900-1939 black Americans were actively involved in aviation. Until 1927 their participation was sporadic and their numbers limited. Between 1927 and 1936 black Americans' interest in aviation grew and several black pilots achieved notoriety through their aeronautical exploits. After 1936, the number of black Americans involved in aviation expanded and a national black flying association was established. Moreover, black Americans began to question discriminatory practices that restricted their opportunities in the air. Thus when the federal government expanded its involvement in civil and military aviation on the eve of World War II, the stage was set for the emergence of a powerful pressure campaign to prohibit racial discrimination in federally-funded aviation training and open the all-white U.S. Army Air Corps to black Americans. The article analyzes the activities of black Americans in aviation up to 1939. Although only a few black Americans were involved in aviation prior to 1939, reports of their exploits appeared frequently in black newspapers and magazines, especially during the 1930s when one black pilot flew for Ethiopia and several others undertook long-distance publicity flights. By 1939, as the United States began its prewar build-up of civilian and military aviation, several hundred black Americans were actively involved in aviation. The example of these aerial pioneers stimulated the black public's interest in aviation and highlighted the limited opportunities open to blacks who aspired to a career in aviation. Consequently, black Americans launched a pressure campaign to prohibit racial discrimination in federally-sponsored civilian flight training and to force the U.S. Army to admit blacks to the Air Corps, a branch of service then open only to white Americans. As a result of this campaign, hundreds of black youths received civilian pilot training, and in 1941, black Americans were admitted to the Air Corps, albeit on a segregated basis; during World War II, approximately five hundred black pilots flew combat missions in North Africa and Europe. Yet without the efforts and examples of America's black air pioneers, the opportunities which opened up after 1939 might not have been forthcoming. Thus the activities of these early black fliers are an important--but often overlooked--prologue to the opening of military aviation to black Americans, and the desegregation of the United States Air Force after World War II.

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100 Years of Marine Corps Aviation

An Illustrated History

Department of the Navy "Selection of oral histories"--CD surface.

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book provides a short history of military air power in the United States from the Civil War to the Persian Gulf War. Chapters are as follows: The Genesis of American Air Power; Trial and Error in World War I; Interwar Doctrine, Organization, and Technology; World War II -- Global Conflict; Air Power in the Nuclear Age; Limited War in Korea; The "New Look" Air Force; Flexible Response and Vietnam; The Cold War Concluded; Air Power Triumphant -- The Gulf War; and The Future7.

Aircraft & Airports

Book Sales A look at aviation history highlights the achievements of the pioneers of flight and the romance and heroism of aerial combat in the two World Wars

Combat Aircraft (1900-1945)

Pacific Media, S.L. In 1903, the Wright brothers invented the airplane, and that event changed the rules of war forever. From war to war, technology has improved step-by-step in an effort to achieve the ultimate aerial war machine. Pacific Media's Combat Aircraft tell us the history from the creation of the aero plane to the end of WWII. 5 chapters: 1) Pioneers 2) Weapons in the Sky 3) The Battle for Air Supremacy 4) The Advance of Technology 5) New Aircraft, New Weapons, New Technology

Military Thought

Aerial Pioneers

The U.S. Air Mail Service, 1918-1927

Canada's Fighting Pilots

Dundurn Edmund Cosgrove tells of the exploits and adventures of Canadas outstanding pilots and aircrews in the First and Second World Wars.

Air Warfare: an International Encyclopedia: A-L

ABC-CLIO Written by more than 100 international scholars and experts, this encyclopedia chronicles the individuals, equipment, and drama of nearly a century of aerial combat.

Why Air Forces Fail

The Anatomy of Defeat

University Press of Kentucky According to Robin Higham and Stephen J. Harris, "Flight has been part of the human dream for aeons, and its military application has likely been the dark side of that dream for almost as long." In the twentieth century, this dream and its dark side unfolded as the air forces of the world went to war, bringing destruction and reassessment with each failure. Why Air Forces Fail examines the complex, often deep-seated, reasons for the catastrophic failures of the air forces of various nations. Higham and Harris divide the air forces into three categories of defeat: forces that never had a chance to win, such as Poland and France; forces that started out victorious but were ultimately defeated, such as Germany and Japan; and finally, those that were defeated in their early efforts yet rose to victory, such as the air forces of Britain and the United States. The contributing authors examine the complex causes of defeats of the Russian, Polish, French, British, Italian, German, Argentine, and American air services. In all cases, the failures stemmed from deep, usually prewar factors that were shaped by the political, economic, military, and social circumstances in the countries. Defeat also stemmed from the anticipation of future wars, early wartime actions, and the precarious relationship between the doctrine of the military leadership and its execution in the field. Anthony Christopher Cain's chapter on France's air force, l'Armée de l'Air, attributes France's loss to Germany in June 1940 to a lack of preparation and investment in the air force. One major problem was the failure to centralize planning or coordinate a strategy between land and air forces, which was compounded by aborted alliances between France and countries in eastern Europe, especially Poland and Czechoslovakia. In addition, the lack of incentives for design innovation in air technologies led to clashes between airplane manufacturers, laborers, and the government, a struggle that resulted in France's airplanes' being outnumbered by Germany's more than three to one by 1940. Complemented by reading lists and suggestions for further research, Why Air Forces Fail provides groundbreaking studies of the causes of air force defeats.

Unmanned Aerial Systems

A Historical Perspective

In the Long War, formerly called the Global War on Terror, the armed forces of the United States have utilized unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) extensively to support combat, security, and stability operations. The concept of unmanned flight is nothing new to the military. Experiments with pilotless aircraft began at the end of World War I. The historical development of these aircraft and the Army's long use of aerial platforms for reconnaissance provide valuable insight into the future possibilities and potential pitfalls of UAVs. Mr. John Blom's study describes the way that aircraft have

been integrated into ground units since World War I. Mr. Blom traces this integration through World War II and the creation of an independent Air Force. In the ninety years since World War I, the quantity of aircraft organic to ground units has constantly expanded. In this period, many of the same debates between the Army and Air Force that continue today over UAVs first appeared. This study addresses past and current systems, and does not address systems under development. The technological development of UAVs possesses as deep a history as the Army's use of aircraft for aerial reconnaissance. Mr. Blom details the long development of UAVs that has led the military to where it is today. Understanding this past may provide clues into where this technology may be going, and what problems could lie ahead.

SEGREGATED SKIES

Smithsonian Inst Press When the United States Army Air Corps, responding to pressure, opened its ranks to blacks in July 1941, it formed four fighter squadrons exclusively composed of black men. Known as the Tuskegee Airmen, these squadrons represented the total number of blacks who saw action in United States combat aviation in the Second World War. Compiling the operational and combat history of the Tuskegee Airmen, Stanley Sandler examines the history of these pioneer black units--from their early training at Tuskegee, Alabama, to aerial combat in the European theater. He reveals how the squadrons and the fighter group, disadvantaged by inexperience and intense national scrutiny, succeeded in compiling impressive combat records. Ultimately, Sandler states, the Tuskegee Airmen would lead the United States Air Force toward racial parity in the post-war era, years ahead of American society itself. Sandler draws on oral interviews, the units' official records as well as those of the Army and the Army Air Forces, and the federal government archives. He describes blacks' early noncombatant roles in the Army Air Corps--grave registration, housecleaning, supply, and transport. He details the eventual inclusion of black men in combat aviation, beginning with the 99th Pursuit Squadron, whose members were the first blacks to enter American military aviation, as well as the 332nd Fighter Group.

Department of Defense

Authorization for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 and the Future Years Defense Program: Airland forces

105-1 Hearings: Department of Defense Authorization for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 and The Future Years Defense Program, S.HRG. 105-37, Part 4, March 5, 12; April 9, 16, 1997

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Pulling GS: Fighter Pilot

Perspectives on Faith

Strap inside a forty million-dollar F-16 jet fighter and come with me on an exhilarating ride and insider's look at the tactics, training, and technology behind twenty-first century aerial combat. Pulling Gs is a high octane, front-seat warrior's perspective on faith that will inspire you in spiritual combat with the same tools that make for a leading edge fighter pilot. Each chapter moves you from real cockpit insights to everyday life-faith applications and concludes with thought-provoking "debrief" questions tailored for personal reflection or group study. You'll debrief your life's mission like a fighter pilot, strain against the G-forces of this world, and study the tactics of "the" adversary. You'll learn to trust in your instruments of faith and know your "DASH-1" checklists for life. You'll see through the black world outside your cockpit wearing your Creator's night vision goggles. And you'll explore larger-than-life fighter aviation traditions learning the "call signs" for God and "hangar flying" lessons from pioneers in faith. "FIGHT'S ON!"

Gender and the Great War

Oxford University Press The centenary of the First World War in 2014-18 offers an opportunity to reflect upon the role of gender history in shaping our understanding of this pivotal international event. From the moment of its outbreak, the gendered experiences of the war have been seen by contemporary observers and postwar commentators and scholars as being especially significant for shaping how the war can and must be understood. The negotiating of ideas about gender by women and men across vast reaches of the globe characterizes this modern, instrumental conflict. Over the past twenty-five years, as the scholarship on gender and this war has grown, there has never been a forum such as the one presented here that placed so many of the varying threads of this complex historiography into conversation with one another in a manner that is at once accessible and provocative. Given the vast literature on the war itself, scholarship on gender and various themes and topics provides students as well as scholars with a chance to think not only about the subject of the war but also the methodological implications of how historians have approached it. While many studies have addressed the national or transnational narrative of women in the war, none address both femininity and masculinity, and the experiences of both women and men across the same geographic scope as the studies presented in this volume.

Marines

Unmanned

Drones, Data, and the Illusion of Perfect Warfare

Hachette UK Unmanned is an in-depth examination of why seemingly successful wars never seem to end. The problem centers on drones, now accumulated in the thousands, the front end of a spying and killing machine that is disconnected from either security or safety. Drones, however, are only part of the problem. William Arkin shows that security is actually undermined by an impulse to gather as much data as possible, the appetite and the theory both skewed towards the notion that no amount is too much. And yet the very endeavor of putting fewer human in potential danger places everyone in greater danger. Wars officially end, but the Data Machine lives on forever. Throughout his career, Arkin has exposed powerful secrets of so-called national security and intelligence. Now he continues that tradition. The most alarming book about warfare in years, Unmanned is essential reading for anyone who cares about the future of mankind.

Military Intelligence

Air Defense Artillery

ADA.

Unmanned Aviation

A Brief History of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics) Newcome traces the family tree of unmanned aircraft all the way back to their roots as aerial torpedoes, which were the equivalent of today's cruise missiles. He discusses the work of leading aerospace pioneers whose efforts in the area of unmanned aviation have largely been ignored by history.

Eyes All Over the Sky

Aerial Reconnaissance in the First World War

Casemate The impact of the unsung heroes of WWI—"a must for any aviation enthusiast to further complement work on aerial reconnaissance in modern warfare" (Roads to the Great War), Beyond the heroic deeds of the fighter pilots and bombers of World War I, the real value of military aviation lay elsewhere; aerial reconnaissance, observation, and photography impacted the fighting in many ways, but little has been written about it. Balloons and airplanes regulated artillery fire, infantry liaison aircraft followed attacking troops and the retreats of defenders, aerial photographers aided operational planners and provided the data for perpetually updated maps, and naval airplanes, airships, and balloons acted as aerial sentinels in a complex anti-submarine warfare organization. Reconnaissance crews at the Battles of the Marne and Tannenberg averted disaster. Eyes All Over the Sky fully explores all the aspects of aerial reconnaissance and its previously under-appreciated significance. Also included are the individual experiences of British, American, and German airmen—true pioneers of aviation warfare. "With an interesting selection of photos, the book is not only an excellent reference—it is historically important." —Classic Wings "This well-researched history belongs on the shelf of anyone with a serious interest in the air war or the ground war of 1914-1918." —Steve Suddaby, former president of the World War One Historical Association

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Roadmap 2002-2027

This document presents the Department of Defense's (DoD) Roadmap for developing and employing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles (UCAVs) over the next 25 years (2002 to 2027) DoD's operational UAV systems include Predator, Hunter, Shadow, and Pioneer which have demonstrated tremendous capability in recent military operations Developmental systems such as Global Hawk and many small UAV systems have also been put to the test in recent combat and combat support operations. Taken as a whole, this technology area offers profound opportunities to transform the manner in which this country conducts a wide array of military and military support operations. As with any new technology, there is naturally some reluctance to transition to a radically new capability. The need to fully demonstrate UAVs in combat and realistic training environments is critical to the migration of this technology.