Commemorative Books Coverage List

Royal Air Force 100th anniversary pictorial edition 2018

Date of Paper	Pages	Event Covered (Daily Mirror unless stated)
		**** 8-page pictorial section ****
1 Apr 1918	Page 2 and back	"Royal Air Force inaugurated today. Fusion of flying services will increase efficiency"
3 Apr 1918	Page 2	"R.A.F. 'Penguins'. Women wanted for sister corps to W.A.A.C. and W.R.N.S."
13 Apr 1918	Front page	"The King inspects his newest service, the R.A.F."
14 Apr 1918	Page 2	"Major-General Frederick Sykes is appointed Chief of the Air Staff"
15 Apr 1918	Page 2	"A Strategic Council is formed for the Royal Air Force"
16 Apr 1918	Front page	"An effective arm of British fighting services"
2 May 1918	Page 2	"Second Lieutenant Alan A. McLeod and Lieutenant Alan Jerrard are awarded the V.C."
19 May 1918	Page 2	"Great daylight British bombing raid on Cologne yesterday"
27 June 1918	Page 3	"4 days' bombing of Germany. 9 British raids into the 'Fatherland'"
28 June 1918	Page 3	"More raids into Germany. Ludwigshafen chemical works, Saarbrucken factories and Bolchen airsheds attacked"
10 July 1918	Page 3	"Thrilling flight over Hun town. How British airmen bombed munition works"
13 Aug 1918	Page 3	"Biggest air battle of the war"
26 Aug 1918	Page 2	"New R.A.F. uniforms. Light blue clothing with collars and ties for sergeants"
17 July 1923	Front page	"The Prince of Wales unveils the RAF memorial on the Embankment"
3 July 1927	Page 20	"Wonderful feats at Hendon Royal Air Force display"
27 Sep 1927	Front page	"Britain wins Schneider Cup at speed of 281 m.p.h."
27 June 1931	Pages 10 & 11	"Thrills of the great R.A.F. display at Hendon today"
14 Sep 1931	Front and page 3	"Flight-Lieutenant George Stainforth smashes the world speed record, the first man to exceed 400 miles per hour" "Britain wins the Schneider Cup outright at speed of 340 m.p.h."
10 Oct 1933	Front page	"Britain's giant flying boat. £50,000 wonder craft for R.A.F."
25 May 1934	Page 16	"The King and Queen attend the first Empire Air Day, at Bircham Newton in Norfolk"
7 July 1935	Front page	"First Air Review by the King. 350 warplanes dive in salute"

25 June 1936	Front page	"R.A.F. planes 'to beat world'"
28 June 1936	Page 21	"Finest display London has ever seen. Many thrills for mighty crowd at Hendon"
9 July 1936	Page 15	"The King, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, inspects bombers at Mildenhall"
31 July 1936	Front page	"Women as pilots of R.A.F. bombers. Fit to fight, says Lord Strabolgi"
1 Apr 1938	Page 3	"The sky's their limit. Five thousand fledglings at the R.A.F. school of technical training at Halton, Buckinghamshire"
5 Sep 1939	Front and back	"Kiel canal is bombed by R.A.F. – direct hits on two warships"
21 Mar 1940	Front and back	"The heroes of Sylt – talk as bombed isle still burns"
29 May 1940	Front and back	"Great R.A.F. attack to help B.E.F."
12 June 1940	Front page	"RAF strike at Italy's Libya bases"
11 July 1940	Front page	The Battle of Britain: "R.A.F.'s battle score – 37"
15 July 1940	Front page	"Douglas R. S. Bader – the greatest hero of them all"
25 July 1940	Front page	The Battle of Britain: "Battle of 100 planes"
30 July 1940	Front page	The Battle of Britain: "17 raiders down in 30 minutes"
31 July 1940	Page 3	The Battle of Britain: "Damage was 21 raiders down – here are the men who did it"
19 Aug 1940	Front and back	The Battle of Britain: "140-16: R.A.F.'s biggest victory"
20 Aug 1940	Front page	The Battle of Britain: "R.A.F. men gave life to win"
25 Aug 1940	Page 3	The Battle of Britain: "R.A.F. hurls Nazis back in mass raids"
4 Sep 1940	Front page	The Battle of Britain: "300 raiders quit after one-hour battle"
10 Sep 1940	Front and back	The Battle of Britain: "Air battle seen over Houses of Parliament"
26 Oct 1940	Front page	"R.A.F., guns in fierce straits duel: Biggest R.A.F. blitz yet on German occupied France"
18 Nov 1940	Front page	"R.A.F. on top in bombing"
7 Dec 1940	Front page	"Italian HQ chiefs are sunk by R.A.F."
15 July 1941	Front page	"Bombs – and this is how: Some of the R.A.F. bombers penetrating into the heart of Germany are carrying three times the load that our planes took a year ago"
18 Sep 1941	Front and back	"R.A.F. in action on Russian front"
18 Apr 1942	Front page	"1,500,000 Nazis are tied up by R.A.F. attacks"
25 Apr 1942	Front page	"We smash their towns one by one"
28 Apr 1942	Page 5	"'Hedge-hop' men honoured and VC for Squadron-Leader John D.

		Nettleton"
30 Apr 1942	Page 5	"The King with his sweepers, the men of Fighter Command"
1 June 1942	Front and back	"1,500 planes in biggest raid: 3,000 tons bomb storm"
3 June 1942	Front page	"Essen: Germans stampede in R.A.F. blitz havoc"
10 Oct 1942	Front page	"Allied armada of 600 planes blasts Huns"
7 Nov 1942	Front page	"In its first action, the newly-formed R.A.F. Regiment takes Daba aerodrome"
18 Jan 1943	Front and back	"Berlin hit as hard as Cologne"
31 Jan 1943	Front page	"Berlin got it twice – in daylight!"
8 May 1943	Front and back	"We've taken Tunis and Bizerta; Packed Axis Dunkirk ships sunk by R.A.F."
15 May 1943	Front and back	"Allies blitz all Europe; 4,000 tons of bombs in day"
18 May 1943	Front and back	"Torrent rages along Ruhr: R.A.F.'s staggering attack on the Mohne and Eder Dams"
14 Aug 1943	Front page	"Bomb storm hits Italy"
		**** 16-page pictorial section ****
25 Aug 1943	Front and back	"Berlin gets 50 tons a minute"
5 Nov 1943	Page 5	"4,000-ton raids by 2,000 planes in a day"
20 Nov 1943	Front page	"2,500 tons dropped on Berlin and Ludwigshafen was R.A.F. record"
18 Dec 1943	Front page	"R.A.F. foils Hun rocket planes"
4 Mar 1944	Front page	"12,000 pounder; R.A.F. dropping biggest bomb ever"
17 Mar 1944	Front page	"Record blitz battle by R.A.F."
22 Apr 1944	Front page	"Biggest raid ever by R.A.F."
28 Apr 1944	Front page	"5,000-plane peak in 24 hours"
7 June 1944	Front and back	"D-Day: We hold beachhead"
8 July 1944	Front page	"Heavies hit Hun army; Halifaxes ordered to go in low"
4 Oct 1944	Front page	"The R.A.F. have 'sunk' the island of Walcheren and engulfed its German garrison"
5 Oct 1944	Front and back	"R.A.F. Lancasters make 5,000 mile raid to bomb the German battleship Tirpitz in Alten Fiord, Norway"
14 Nov 1944	Front and back	"Tirpitz sunk: Triple D.S.O. Wing Commander J. B. Tait and his squadron of dam busters finish the job he began"
7 Dec 1944	Front page	"R.A.F. spitfires strafe Greek parade"
15 Feb 1945	Front page	"Germany's worst air blitz: 9,000 flights to aid two fronts"

4 May 1945	Front page	"Huns packing up: R.A.F.'s own back for Dunkirk"
8 July 1948	Front page	"Rocket-firing spitfires dive on jungle terror camp; R.A.F. act as Communist plot to grab all Malaya is bared"
20 Aug 1952	Page 6	"The Princess – a 140-ton flying boat, heaviest aircraft ever built in Britain, at a cost of £3 million – is launched at Cowes, Isle of Wight. The R.A.F. will use the Princess as a troop carrier"
27 Aug 1952	Page 7	"Our latest – the Javelin; 'Magic eye' jet can kill unseen atom bombers"
8 Sep 1953	Back page	"Squadron-Leader Neville Duke – the new world air speed record holder at 727.6 mph"
1 Oct 1954	Front page	"The Duke of Edinburgh wins his fight to fly jets. He pilots R.A.F. plane at 450 mph"
14 Jan 1955	Front page	"Air Marshals win fight to make R.A.F. top service"
1 Nov 1956	Front and back	The Suez Crisis: "R.A.F. bomb Egypt"
8 Jan 1957	Front page	"R.A.F. jets in action in the Aden Protectorate against desert King's forces"
26 July 1957	Front page	"R.A.F. blasts rebel barracks at Nizwa, Oman"
19 Sep 1958	Front page	"King of the Atlantic: An R.A.F. Vulcan flies from Goose Bay, Canada to Northern Ireland in a record 3 hours, 27 minutes"
3 Aug 1960	Page 13	"R.A.F. order for Victor bombers cut"
6 Sep 1960	Page 11	"The Black Arrows at Farnborough Air Display"
21 Feb 1961	Page 9	"R.A.F.'s new 'eye' to aid air safety"
10 Feb 1962	Front page	"R.A.F. alert on Berlin: New Russian air 'squeeze'"
18 Sep 1963	Page 13	"Giant 'safety curtain' goes into action; Britain's Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at Fylingdales in Yorkshire opens"
2 Dec 1965	Back page	"Ready to Go; Britain's warplanes mass for the Zambia flight"
29 Mar 1968	Page 18	"The fate of the Eagle – on Monday the R.A.F. is fifty years old"
8 Oct 1969	Pages 16 & 17	"Those laconic young men in their flying machines"
21 Aug 1971	Page 3	"HRH Golden Eagle – R.A.F. give Prince Charles a new name"
2 May 1982	Front and pages 4 & 5	The Falklands War: "Vulcan Victory – amazing night strike by bombers"
11 Aug 1990	Page 3	The Gulf War: "Flying can-openers are on the way! Air aces ready to hit tanks"
17 Jan 1991	Front and page 2	The Gulf War: "Bombers hit Baghdad in Operation Desert Storm"
17 Dec 1998	Front page	Operation Desert Fox: "We blitz Baghdad; Blair attacks tyrant Saddam"
18 Dec 1998	Pages 2 & 3	Operation Desert Fox: "Our 100% Tornado mission – R.A.F. fliers

		on target in Saddam attack"
25 Mar 1999	Front and page 3	"Europe at War: NATO in massive raid on Yugoslavia"
26 Mar 1999	Pages 2 & 3	"Our guys hit their targets – Harriers' first success as Serbs are
	Pages 4 & 5	pounded again" "We were so scared – the fliers' story"
10 Oct 2001	Page 2	War in Afghanistan: "We Have The Skies"
6 Nov 2001	Page 15	"Arrowing Experience – two Red Arrows criss-cross just twenty feet apart at the Dubai Air Show"
7 Sep 2007	Page 15	"R.A.F. frightens off 8 Russian Bears – biggest threat since Cold War"
1 Apr 2008	Page 10	"Founder member Henry Allingham on the R.A.F. at 90"
12 Apr 2008	Pages 10 & 11	"Prince William gets his wingsfrom Dad"
21 Mar 2011	Pages 4 & 5	Blitz on Gaddafi: "3,000 mile bomb run – R.A.F. bunker-busters in longest sortie since the Falklands War"
29 June 2012	Pages 12 & 13	"Bomber Command: 67 years onheroes of the skies are honoured"
11 May 2013	Pages 36 & 37	"70 years onthe last British Dambuster"
27 Sep 2014	Pages 4 & 5	"Ready to Attack – R.A.F. poised to blitz ISIS fanatics in hours"
11 July 2015	Pages 14 & 15	"75 years on, the last of The Few listen again to the hum of a Spitfire, taking them back to the summer of 1940 and the battle that saved Britain"
3 Dec 2015	Pages 6 & 7	Airstrikes in Syria: "Fire& Brimstone; Top Guns to unleash super warheads"
1 July 2016	Page 21	"Invisible assassin: £100m stealth fighter jet arrives to join Dambuster 617 Squadron"
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