

Famous Airmen by Air Commodore E. L. Howard-Williams

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You will have learned, with pride, that the man who will probably go down in history as the greatest Briton of all time, Mr. Winston Churchill, has become a Life Member of the R.A.F. Association. We are naturally proud of the honour he does us, for there are few men or women who will not always remember him as the Architect of Victory.

I reproduce here a black and white of the latest portrait for which he sat, shortly before he left for America. The original is rich in colour, possibly the best picture he has yet had taken. An opportunity will shortly be afforded the public to purchase copies, the profits to go to the aid of Injured Air Crew, the R.A.F.A. and the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. It is one of the 1,000 which form the R.A.F. Colour Portrait Collection.

The sponsors are now nearly ready with a large number of Mr. Winston Churchill's portrait, in the uniform of an Air Commodore. These excellent pictures, suitable for framing are shortly being sold all over the country at 5/- a copy. It is hoped to arrange for voluntary workers to sell and distribute them, and the following publications, without charge, so that as much as possible will accrue to the charities. Among others, in this work it is hoped to obtain the willing co-operation of newsgagents themselves.

The R.A.F. Illustrated Record, Volume I, priced at 10/- is already being prepared for print. It will include a large number of leading airmen of all ranks. You may like to register your copy. If so, write to the Balcombe Publishing Co., Ltd., 134, Fleet Street, E.C.4. Do NOT send any money yet.

Empire Album, published at 5 gns. is an imposing album with a limited edition of 5,000, many of which have already been bespoken. This edition will certainly be over-subscribed as soon as it is ready, which will probably not be until the summer or autumn. Those who will want this should certainly register their names and addresses without delay.

A few other portraits from the collection are included, although it is not practicable here to reproduce them with all their superb colouring.

In a building proposed, a separate Hall of Memory is to be dedicated as a special tribute to the gallantry and skill of all members of the 8th U.S. Air Force, particularly associated with the names of its three great commanders, Generals Carl Spaatz, Ira Eaker, and Jimmy Doolittle.

The portraits of some of the leading American airmen who came to Britain will there be hung.



Air Commodore the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill,
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