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73/1  **Armstrong Whitworth aircraft since 1913.** Oliver Tapper
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**Appendices:** A: Projects. B: Other organizations’ aeroplanes. C: Production details of Armstrong Whitworth aircraft

**Frontis.:** Siskin IIA fighters carrying the black and white checks of No.43 Squadron, RAF ...
*(Flight International photo)*
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**Notes:** [p.vi] The archives of Armstrong Whitworth have suffered greater degradations than most; the closure of the Newcastle upon Tyne factory and the dispersal of its records, was followed, in due course, by the bombing of the Parkside factory in the Coventry ‘blitzes’ of 1940 and 1941 in which the company’s records and photographs were decimated. Finally came the amalgamations of 1960 which led to the successive closing of virtually all the Armstrong Whitworth factories and the destruction of practically all the company’s remaining records [cat. 1973; 1974-75] Describes in detail the aircraft built by Armstrong Whitworth and its predecessors, including airships. The well-loved Siskin fighter, the Whitley bomber and A.W.’s civil transports are fully recorded together with experimental prototypes and projects.

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**Dedication:** In tribute to Charles Grey Grey, Engineer designer, Salesman, Journalist, Editor, Friend 1875-1953
**Frontis.:** HM King George V, attended by Sqn Ldr Tom Harry England, inspects the new Gloster Gamecock fighter at the 1924 RAF Display

[.p.1-2] Whereas *The Pioneer Years* and *The Great War and Armistice* were written from the viewpoint of a youthful onlooker of most of the events and aircraft described, *The Adventuring Years* sees the beginning of close personal participation in the industry – so the story is based on even closer recollection and experience, and confirmed, as previously, by much re-reading of every aeronautical journal of that decade, R & Ms and official reports, Hansard extracts, patent specifications and many private documents as well as discussions with pioneer
participants. … Because C.G. Grey was the most famous, most pertinacious aeronautical commentator of that time, I have quoted from him more extensively than from others in attempting to portray the atmosphere of those days. … I regard myself more as a witnessing chronicler of events than an uncompromising historian …

The two main themes in this book are the parallel struggles of the RAF to become an effective Service and of civil aviation to found air routes that would be self-supporting and ultimately establish a British network around the world. Air races, competitions, prototype testing, long distance flights and the expanding journeys of slowly increasing private flying, together with the recording of steadily improving aeronautical designs and inventions, are the essence of The Adventuring Years.

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[p.7] This book traces the story of the airport from its earliest days ... up to the present day. ... There is also a glimpse of the future ... In a book of this length it is obviously not possible to describe or even mention many of the world’s airports, a selection has had to be made to cover some of the most important as well as those which give a picture of the many types of facilities in use.

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