

PREFACE

Beginning with the first successful, sustained, powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine made at Kitty Hawk, NC by Orville Wright on December 17th 1903, aviation has revolutionized and transformed the world we live in. That initial flight was the world's entry into the field of aviation and has affected our lives in a profound and significant way. No one could possibly have envisioned, in their wildest imagination, what aviation would accomplish in such an extremely short period of time.

From the early pioneers to the present, Canada's airline pilots played a significant role in this transformation. Their skills, expertise, curiosity, ingenuity, inventiveness, and willingness to take calculated risks have all contributed to the incredible advances in the aviation industry that we experience, and take for granted, today.

"Airline Pilots of Canada" documents and preserves information on the lives and careers of some of these pilots and their associates. It is a collection of information from a variety of sources: biographies, obituaries, retirement notices, newspaper articles, etc. We hope that it will provide a valuable insight into who these aviators were, where they came from, how they got involved in aviation and some of the highlights and experiences of their lives. Many people have contributed to its contents and while it is hoped that most of the information is accurate and factual there may be errors, inaccuracies, and possibly some incorrect details. It is, nevertheless, a beginning with the hope that it will be of value and of interest to their families, future generations, and to the many others following us in the never ending history of Canada's aviation industry.

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This project has been very demanding and more time consuming than expected. Will there be a 2nd edition? Possibly if there is sufficient demand! Additional information is available at the end of this CD.