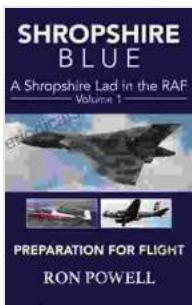


The Shropshire Lad in the RAF: Volume I - Preparation for Flight

This is the first volume in a series of articles about the experiences of a young man from Shropshire who joined the Royal Air Force during World War II. This volume covers his preparation for flight, including his basic training, flying lessons, and operational training.



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Basic Training

The young man, who we will call John, was called up for National Service in 1941. He reported to RAF Bridgnorth for basic training. Basic training was designed to turn civilian recruits into fit and disciplined airmen. The training was tough, but John quickly proved himself to be a capable and willing recruit.

During basic training, John learned the basics of military life, including drill, weapons handling, and first aid. He also underwent a rigorous physical training program. The training was demanding, but John enjoyed the challenge. He made many new friends and quickly adapted to the military lifestyle.

Flying Lessons

After completing basic training, John was selected for pilot training. He was sent to RAF Cranwell for his initial flying lessons. John had always dreamed of flying, and he was excited to finally get behind the controls of an aircraft. His first flight was a memorable experience. He was amazed by the feeling of freedom and exhilaration that came with flying.

John quickly proved to be a natural pilot. He had good hand-eye coordination and a natural feel for flying. He progressed through his flying training quickly and soon soloed. After soloing, John continued to build up his flying hours. He flew a variety of aircraft, including the Tiger Moth, the Hurricane, and the Spitfire.

Operational Training

After completing his flying training, John was posted to an operational squadron. He was assigned to a squadron that was flying Spitfires. John was now a fully qualified fighter pilot. He was ready to defend his country against the enemy.

John's squadron was based in the south of England. The squadron was responsible for defending the south coast of England from German air raids. John flew many patrols over the English Channel. He was always on

the lookout for enemy aircraft. He was determined to do his part to protect his country.

This volume has covered John's preparation for flight. He has completed basic training, flying lessons, and operational training. He is now a fully qualified fighter pilot. He is ready to defend his country against the enemy.

The next volume in this series will cover John's experiences during the Battle of Britain.



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