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PART 4 : WEAPONS

INTRODUCTION

"Our profession is war. Our job is to fight ; and to do it effectively and economically. The role of the Royal Air Force was worded before the last war in this way :

'To attack selected targets, the effective bombardment of which is best calculated at the time to undermine the powers of resistance of the enemy nation ; and to provide defence against an attack.'

It is still the same.

To-day we have much experience and a mass of data which is being sorted out for our benefit. Those of us who do not know, from cadet to air marshal, must learn what forces, what weapons, and what aids are needed for any operation of war, and how they are used . . .".

Air Vice-Marshal SIR BASIL EMBRY,

K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

June, 1947.

It is the duty of all officers to acquire a general knowledge of all air weapons and to become proficient in the use of those with which they are directly associated.

This part deals in broad outline with the air weapons available to the Service and basic problems associated with their use.

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