

'Adopt-a-Picture' Appeal

— Schneider Trophy Drawings



While researching through the Royal Aeronautical Society Library's photographic archives the Society's Librarian came across a folder of original charcoal drawings by the notable German artist Emil Stumpp (1886-1941).

There are nine drawings in total which relate to the Tenth Schneider Trophy seaplane contest which was held at Venice on 26 September 1927. The drawings are on individual thin sheets of paper (22cm x 28.5cm) and are stamped on the bottom lefthand corner in a small typeface 'Emil Stumpp, Berlin, NW21, Postfach 1'. Eight of the drawings are head-and-shoulder portrait studies of the British and Italian competing and reserve pilots, the final drawing being a landscape view of the Lido in Venice where the 1927 contest was held, all the drawings being signed and dated 'Stumpp 27'.



The portrait drawings are of — Flt Lt S.N. Webster; Major Mario de Bernardi; Flt Lt O.E. Worsley; Flt Lt S.M. Kinkead; Sqn Ldr L. Slatter; Capt Arturo Ferrarin; Capt Frederico Guazzetti and Capt Gvascone Gvasconi. They were reproduced as a group in a special issue of the contemporary British weekly journal *Flight*, 29 September 1927 (page 684d) published on the occasion of Great Britain's victory with the

Supermarine S5. Great Britain was then to win the next two contests — therefore winning the Schneider Trophy outright; the Trophy itself is displayed alongside the aircraft that won the trophy outright in 1931 — the Supermarine S6B — in the Science Museum in South Kensington, London.

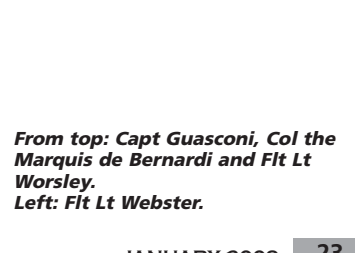


These drawings are now in need of conservation and to preserve them for current and future generations will cost £150 per drawing. It is intended that the drawings will be displayed in the Members' Lounge at Hamilton Place alongside other sponsored pictures as they are restored.

If any individual member, company or organisation would like to 'adopt' one of these works of art, please contact: Brian Riddle, Librarian, Royal Aeronautical Society, No.4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ, UK. Tel: +44 (0)20 7670 4362. e-mail: brian.riddle@aerosociety.com. A plaque on the picture frame, which would be restored via The London School of Picture and Frame Restoration and then displayed at the Society's headquarters at Hamilton Place, would record the name of its 'sponsor'.

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From top: Flt Lt Kinkead, Capt Ferrarin and Sqn Ldr Slatter. Right: Capt Guazzetti. RAEs Library photos.

From top: Capt Gvasconi, Col the Marquis de Bernardi and Flt Lt Worsley. Left: Flt Lt Webster.