

How to fly the legendary fighter plane in combat using the manuals and instructions supplied by the RAF during the Second World War.

The Spitfire Manual

DILIP SARKAR (editor)

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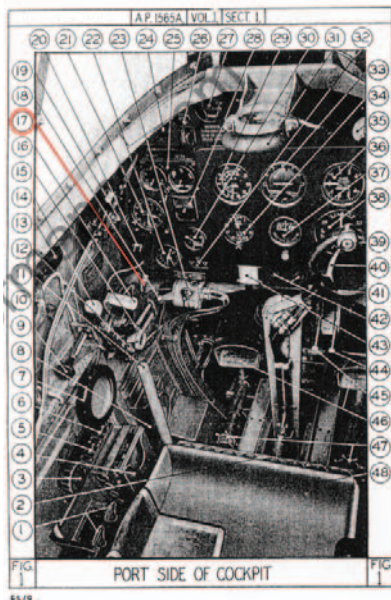
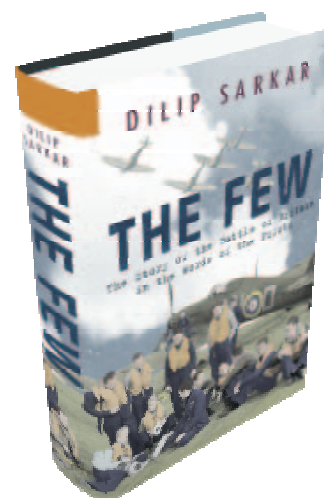
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- Author is an acknowledged expert on the Battle of Britain with over 20 books on the subject to his credit.
- 2010 is the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and there will be huge interest generated by events and airshows to commemorate the event.
- A fabulous slice of nostalgia, authentic period publications reproduced in facsimile accompanied by contextualising commentary from an expert of the Battle of Britain.
- Includes dos and don'ts from Spitfire pilots interviewed by the editor.
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THE AUTHOR

Fascinated by the Battle of Britain since childhood, Dilip Sarkar remains both moved and inspired by the story of Churchill's fabled Few, those young airmen who stood between freedom and a Britain dominated by Nazi Germany. Since the 1970s he has met and interviewed more Battle of Britain pilots than any other historian. He has researched the subject thoroughly and has published over twenty books, titles which include the only biographical works formally endorsed by the families of both Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader and Air Vice-Marshal Johnnie Johnson. In 2003, Dilip was made an MBE for services to aviation history, and elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Historical Society in 2006. He lives in Worcester.

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