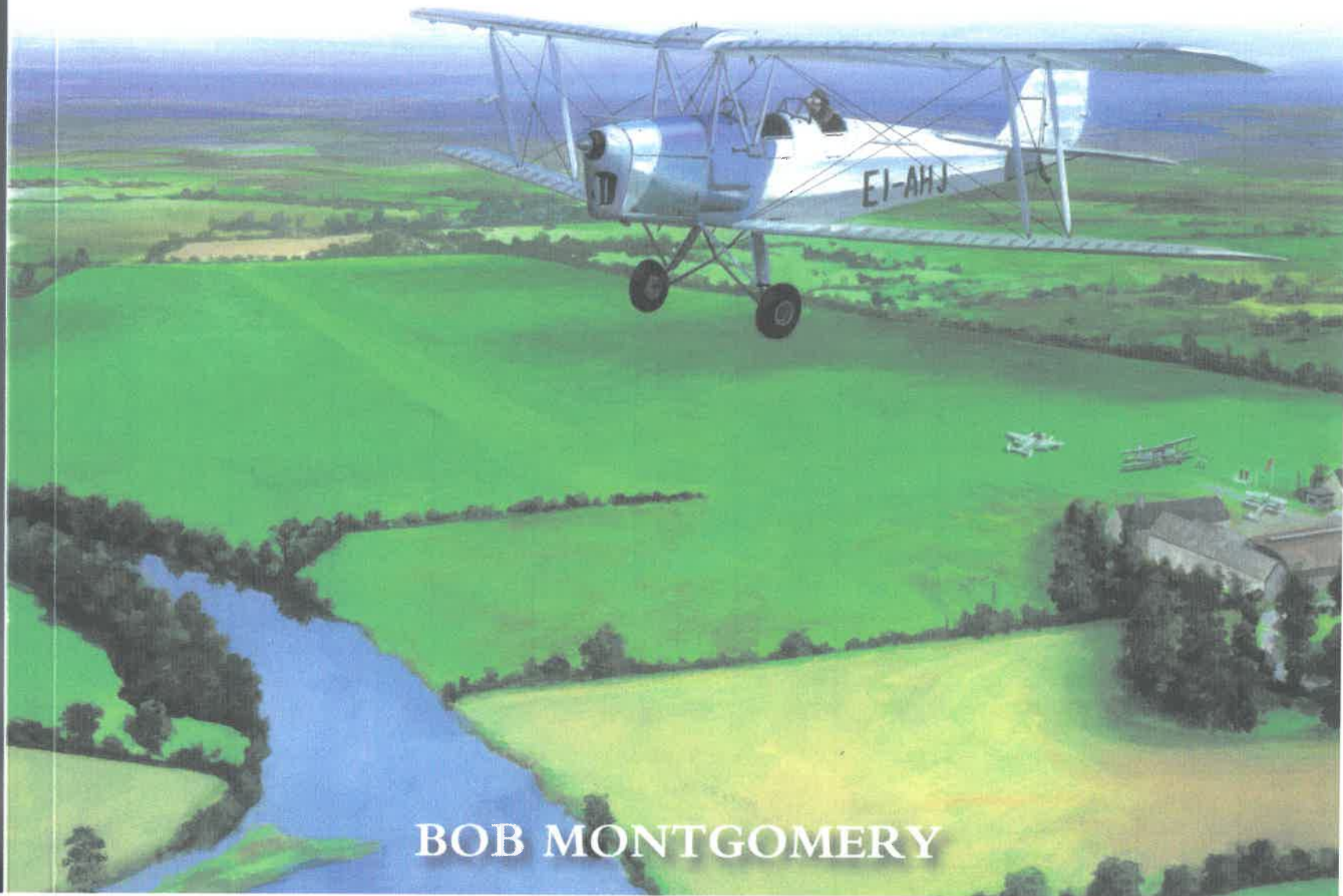
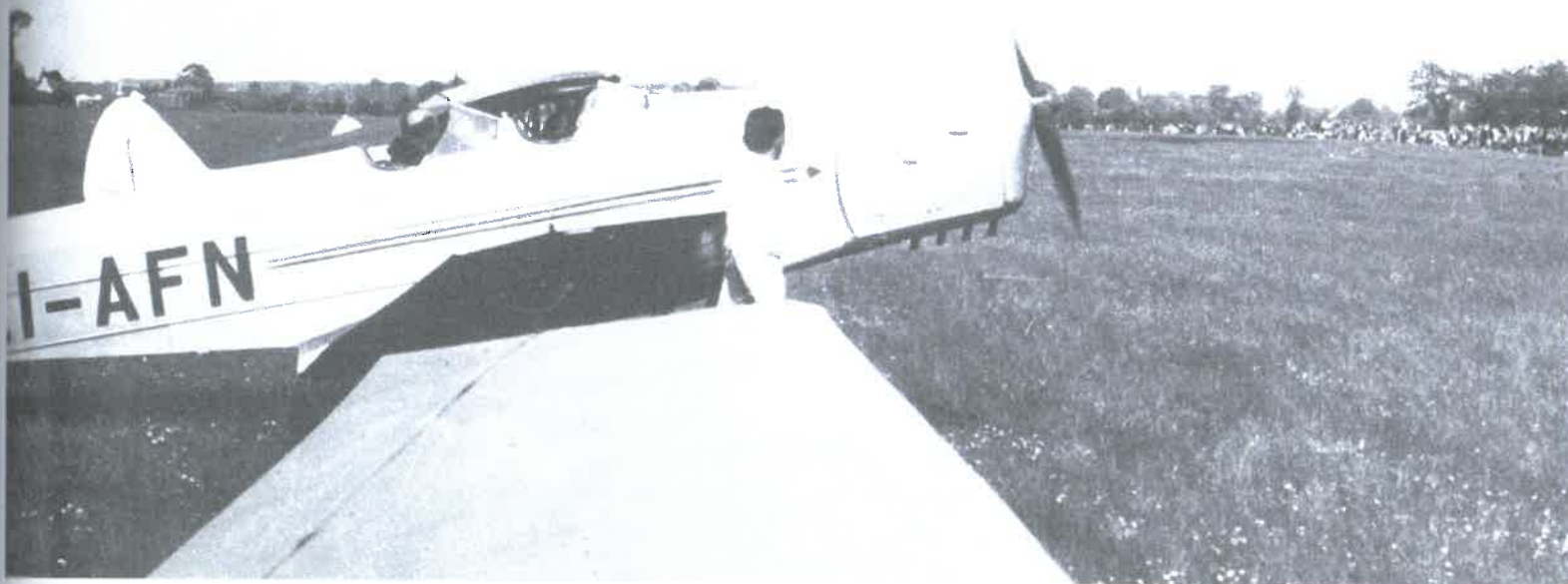


IN WESTON SKIES

A personal memoir of flying at Weston in the 1950s



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In the second of these two photographs a portion of the vast crowd estimated by the Irish Times at 50,000 can be glimpsed in the background.

1955 Air Display

707s.



From left to right: George Donohoe, Darby Kennedy and David Montgomery.

In the 1950s Weston aerodrome in County Kildare was the centre of a revival in private flying in Ireland. Weston was established by Darby Kennedy in 1938 and had been the base for both charter activities and flight training in the years that followed. But it was the establishment of the Aero Club of Ireland there in 1953 that provided the additional impetus for spectacular progress over the next few years. As well as flight training the Club organised four very successful Air Displays between 1955 and 1958 and many of those who have become pilots in the intervening years will tell you how important Weston was in inspiring them to follow a career in aviation.

The author's father, David Montgomery, was one of the prime movers of the activities of the Aero Club of Ireland before his untimely death in a flying accident. His role and legacy in helping to make the Irish public air-minded are detailed in this important publication.



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