

Notices

Annual Report Man Powered Aircraft Group

In the Annual Report of the Man Powered Aircraft Group, published as part of the Annual Report of the Society, it was stated that the record set up in 1972 by Flt. Lt. Potter was 1771 yards. This should have been 1171 yards.

Postal delays in London W1

During the month of May and continuing into June there have been exceptional delays to the collection and delivery of letters in the W1 area of London due, we understand, to local difficulties in the Post Office. The staff at 4 Hamilton Place have tried to mitigate these delays by posting letters outside this area but there continues to be a long delay in the delivery of letters. Any inconvenience to members is very much regretted.

Rotorcraft Section Biennial Dinner

The Rotorcraft Section Dinner will be held on Thursday 5th September 1974 at the Dorchester Hotel. Reception at 7.45 pm for dinner at 8.30 pm. Full details will be sent to Section members.

H. B. Howard BA, BSc, FRAeS 1894 - 1974

AFTER joining the Admiralty Air Department in September 1916, H. B. Howard continued to serve the successive Ministries concerned with Aviation until his retirement in 1963. In the reminiscent postscript to his chapter on "Aircraft Structures" in the Centenary Journal*, he gives an account of his early career and its attendant circumstances up to his tour of duty at Martlesham Heath, which ended in 1937. Howard was then posted back to Farnborough as the last head of the Airworthiness Department before it was renamed and reorganised in 1941, when he was sent to join the British Air Commission in the USA. During his earlier posting to that Department, he had made many important individual contributions, including editing AP970 and initiating New Methods, and written a first class book on "The Stresses in Aeroplane Structures".

After his return from Washington in 1945, Howard's last task was the technical administration of all Government-sponsored Aircraft Structural Research. He became widely known and highly respected for the soundness of his technical judgements. The value of his services was recognised by a Special Merit promotion, and by retention long past the normal retiring age. In 1954 he was awarded the Bronze Medal of the Royal Aeronautical Society, of which he had been a Fellow for many years.

Henry Bernon Howard was born on 12th August 1894, and died on 22nd February 1974. He was educated at St Pauls School and Clare College, Cambridge. As a medical reject for military service, he was able to complete his engineering training, adding an External London BSc to his Cambridge BA. His defective eyesight was an increasing handicap as the years went by, and kept him out of many social activities, one exception being chess. He showed much courage and determination in continuing with duties that demanded the reading of many papers, and owed much to the support and encouragement of his wife, Kathleen, who survives him.

H.A.M.

*Aircraft Structures, H. B. Howard. A Century of British Aeronautics, Centenary Journal of the Royal Aeronautical Society, pp 54-66, January 1966.