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**Biography** (from the Wall of Honor, National Air and Space Museum, Washington D.C.)

Aeronautical engineer and educator, native of England, educated at the University College in Nottingham, University College in London, and Stanford University. His expertise in Aircraft Structures & Design has been derived from his technical experience as Technical Staff & Project Group Leader with De Havilland Aircraft & Percival Aircraft, during World War II, and as Principal Scientific Officer in the Structures & Guided Weapons Departments, Group Leader on Ballistic Missiles, and consulting designer with the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Metropolitan Vickers, and Lincoln Labs at M.I.T. He was the first R.A.E. representative on Operation Totem (Atomic Bomb Test Program) and later, responsible for correlation of all data obtained on full scale tests of airplanes & missile structures and research into thermal effects and techniques of testing of all high-speed vehicles. He has taught primarily in the structures area at Stanford University and the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was an early leader in developing the graduate education and sponsored research program in structural mechanics in the School of Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech. His research and teaching efforts were most notable in the area of experimental mechanics and he was advisor to a number of early doctoral students in AE. Member of the Sigma Xi & Experimental Stress Analysis Societies; Associate of the British Institute of Physics; Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society; Fellow of the Royal Statistical & Horticultural Societies.

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