

March 21, 1969

Mr. H.O.Madden,
5724 Cranley Drive,
West Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Madden:

Some weeks ago in a radio interview I mentioned that I was collecting memoirs of flying in the Maritime Provinces, particularly in Nova Scotia, during the "years between the wars" -- 1918 to 1939.

I don't contemplate publishing a definitive history of Maritime flying in this period, but I do wish to gather authentic memoirs of men who were actively concerned, including dates, places, type of aircraft (with details of construction and engine).

I'm no spring chicken myself (I can remember when Bleriot flew the Channel!) and I shall arrange to have all my historical notes and manuscripts sent to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, or to the library of Dalhousie University in Halifax, in the event of my death before I can publish them in book form. Thus they will be available to students and historians.

Bill Fillmore of Amherst has written me some interesting memoirs, unfortunately without dates or other important details. He tells me that you have a journal or logbook of your flying in the Maritimes, and I write to ask if you would lend it to me, so that I can make a typewritten copy for my file here. I would take good care of it, and return it promptly. Have you considered writing your own memoirs?

Sincerely,