AIR POWER AND WARFARE: A SUPPLEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This highly selective bibliography supplements the original bibliography developed in 1978 by Ms. Betsy C. Kysely, to support the Eighth Military History Symposium. While this bibliography focuses primarily on materials published since the earlier bibliography was developed, it does include some significant materials that were published prior to 1978, but that were omitted from that edition. Emphasis in this supplement is on scholarly analysis of air power itself and scholarly depictions of its history. Like most editions of the United States Air Force Academy Directorate of Libraries' publication, Special Bibliography Series, this compilation is limited to current holdings of the Academic Library at the Academy. It includes books, reports, government documents, and journal articles. Excluded are pictorial works, newspaper articles, works of fiction, studies of the technology of aircraft and associated weaponry, and items focused on the general history of aviation. Readers wanting information on the history of aviation, certainly prior to the Wright Brothers, are encouraged to consult the U.S. Air Force Academy Friends of the Library publication, The Genesis of Flight: The Aeronautical History Collection of Colonel Richard Gimbel.

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Finally, this bibliography is dedicated to Ms. Betsy C. Kysely, creator of the first edition of the Air Power and Warfare bibliography and for many years Reference Branch Chief. Please see the dedicatory page for additional information on Ms. Kysely's distinguished career.

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DEDICATION TO
Elizabeth "Betsy" Coxe Kysely
USAFA Reference Librarian, 1964 - 1988

This edition of the U.S. Air Force Academy Directorate of Libraries Special Bibliography Series is dedicated to Betsy" Kysely, who served on the library staff from January 1964 until June 1988. It was Ms. Kysely who produced the first edition of this bibliography in 1978.

She is remembered by her friends and colleagues as being dedicated, energetic, and loyal; a colleague willing to assume any task or project, and a person who exemplified the Academy's core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that she did.

In 1977 she was appointed Chief of the Reference Branch, a position she held until her retirement in 1988. Her services were exemplary. She established regular, but focused, reference staff meetings that enhanced communication and improved reference services. She scheduled staff to cover the reference desk for all the hours that the library was open—92 hours per week—but still scheduled all staff to be together at work for at least six hours per week. As new technologies developed, she took a leadership role in making sure the library was making optimum use of these new efficient sources. Some of these included utilization of the OCLC for both cataloging and interlibrary loans, the initiation of the first on-line bibliographic database, and the installation of the first on-line integrated library system. During the library's 45,000 square foot expansion, she organized her staff to provide consistently superior service while collections were being moved and service desks were being relocated, not once, but several times as the construction progressed.

As an exemplary supervisor she undertook every task that she asked her staff to do so that she understood what her subordinates would be required to do and how the library supported those tasks. She directed a total review by the Subject Bibliographers/Reference Librarians of the entire collection to eliminate superceded or obsolete materials while adding materials in areas of the collection identified as being weak. This review saved thousands of dollars by eliminating materials that were of minimal use and avoiding the costs of entering them in the library's recently acquired on-line catalog. To the benefit of cadets and faculty, she developed strong general library-orientation programs that were placed on videotapes to relieve staff of repetitious tasks.

Her devotion to duty, her caring for subordinates and colleagues, and her professional expertise still provide a model for librarians who served with her as well as for those who serve at the Academy, but never worked here when she was Chief of Reference Services. In the more recent past, Ms. Kysely continues to serve as a volunteer in the Reference Branch that she so expertly developed and enhanced. For all that she did and continues to do for the Academy and for her superior leadership, we dedicate this "Air Power and Air Warfare Bibliography Supplement" to her.
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