

Stay The Distance

The Life and Times of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Michael Beetham

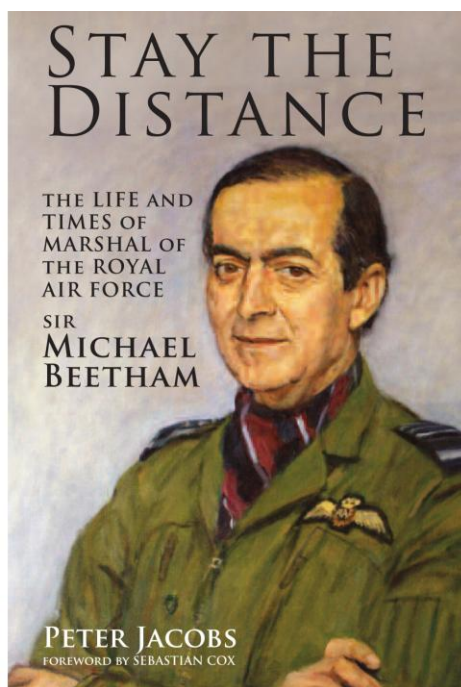
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Stay the Distance is the eagerly awaited authorised biography of the last Chief of the Air Staff to have flown in the face of the enemy during the Second World War.

Sir Michael Beetham enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Royal Air Force joining as a pilot in 1941. After being awarded the DFC whilst serving with Bomber Command during 1943-4, his career soared, culminating in the accolade of Marshal of The Royal Air Force.

This book spans Sir Michael Beetham's association with the piston-engined Lancaster through to the dawn of the jet age and ultimately to the modern era and the impressive and highly versatile Tornado. The book undoubtedly charts the story of the rapid advance and revolutionary impact of air power on military operations around the world.

This is a story of personal integrity, tenacity and achievement serving from World War Two right through to the Falklands, in a long and distinguished career. It is the remarkable story of one of The Royal Air Force's greatest post-war leaders.

Illustrated with photographs provided by Sir Michael Beetham and official RAF sources, this book provides a lavishly detailed account of the career of an extraordinary man.

Peter Jacobs joined the RAF in 1977 as an apprentice at Halton. He flew several tours as an air defence navigator on the F4 Phantom and Tornado F3 before conducting staff tours at HQ 11/18 Group, Bentley Priory and HQ Strike Command, High Wycombe. Today, he serves at the RAF College Cranwell. He is the author of several books and articles relating to RAF history.

The remaining veterans are nearly there with their final project and Peter Jacobs has done them a great service in describing the life of their inspirational leader so conscientiously and clearly.

AVM Nigel Baldwin - Reviewing for the RAF Historical Society

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