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Reports and Papers of R.H. Mayo in the field of aviation.

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The papers of R.H. Mayo, covering the period 1913-1956.

Reports, logbooks, newspaper and magazine articles, photographs on the work of R.H. Mayo in the field of aviation. The papers concentrate particularly on Mayo's design of the Mayo composite aircraft and his connection with Imperial Airways. R.H. Mayo was born in 1891. After graduating in mathematics and mechanics, Mayo entered the Royal Aircraft Factory. During the 1914-1918 war he served in the Royal Flying Corps in France and at the Air Ministry. He subsequently became a consulting engineer and in 1935 formed a company to exploit the composite aircraft he patented. Mayo was also involved, on behalf of Imperial Airways, in the specification for the Short Empire C flying boat for the Empire Air Mail Scheme. Mayo died in 1957 at the age of 66.

The papers were presented to the Science Museum by Mrs J. E. Chorley, daughter of R. H. Mayo.

1 Reports and Papers of R.H. Mayo.

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| 1/3 | [1914-1918?] | Notebook kept by R.H. Mayo of aircraft characteristics. MS. |
| 1/4 | 1915 Mar-Apr | Pilot's flying log book. / R.H. Mayo, 2 nd Lieutenant, R. F. C. (S. R.). [13]p, MS. |
| 1/5 | 1915-1918 | Pilot's flying log book. / R.H. Mayo, Captain, R. F. C. (S. R.). [75]p, MS. |
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- 1/7 1923 Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors. Sopwith claim. Proof of evidence of Major R. H. Mayo. 4 leaves, typescript
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- 1/10 Daniel Guggenheim fund, Holland. Correspondence and notes on the fund for the promotion of aeronautics and safer flying" Typescript.
- 1/11 1927 Some notes on the design of commercial aircraft from the operational point of view. /R. H. Mayo. [40] leaves, typescript Draft of a Royal Aeronautical Society Paper.
- 1/12 1928 May Report on the application of radio communication to British air transport. /R. H. Mayo. 96 leaves, typescript, carbon copy, plus 7 illustrations
- 1/13 1928 Nov Report on investigation into the possibilities of air transport between Bermuda and the United States of America. / R.H. Mayo. 117 leaves.
- 1/14 1929 The Schneider Trophy Contest 1929. Notes on the regulations and organisation of the contest / R.H. Mayo. [15] leaves, typescript, carbon copy.

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- 2/1 1932 May Report on prospects and air-port requirements for British aviation in the West Atlantic. / R. H. Mayo.
89p. Printed for the use of the Colonial Office.
- 2/2 1933 Jul Report on the aims and prospects of the joint aviation advisory committee of Lloyds register and the British Corporation register. / R. H. Mayo.
44 leaves, typescript, carbon copy, signed.
- 2/3 1935 Nov Minutes of evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the private manufacture of and trading in arms. Witnesses R. H. Mayo and E. Geddes.
- 2/4 1936 Jun Landplanes for North Atlantic Services/B. W. Galpin.
7 leaves, typescript, duplicated.
- 2/5 1939 Sept Report on replacement of the fleet under the Empire air mail scheme. / R.H. Mayo.
80 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.
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Report of the Empire mail scheme consequent upon demands for higher speeds as a result of the Melbourne Air Race.
14 leaves, typescript, duplicated.

- 2/8 1940 Nov British Airways Corporation.
Report on commercial aviation
developments in America. Based on visit
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- 2/10 1943 Jun Report on future use of flying boats on
probable British routes / [R. H. Mayo].
31 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.
- 2/11 1943 Jun British Overseas Airways Corporation
Application of type 50 to Atlantic and
Empire services / [R. H. Mayo?].
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- 2/12 1943 May British Overseas Airways Corporation.
Study of specifications of landplanes for
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Mayo.
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- 2/13 1943 Jul British Overseas Airways Corporation.
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to surcharged mail. / [R.H. Mayo].
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Application of type 52 to African medium-
stage and European services. / [R.H.
Mayo].
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Note on payload capacities of types B & C
(types 50 & 52) for certain special
stages. I R. H. Mayo.
4 leaves, typescript, carbon copy,
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Outline of proposed scheme for U.K. /
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- 2/17 1945 Jan Some aspects of Air Transport Economics. Can air services be run without subsidy? / R.H. Mayo. 20p. Reprinted from The Shipping World.
- 2/18 1945 Feb Scheme for proposed air terminal on the East side of London. / R. H. Mayo. [18] leaves, typescript, 1 diagram.
- 2/19 1945 Feb Shipping Airlines Limited. Proposal for a system of air services between the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe. For submission to the Minister for Civil Aviation. / [R. H. Mayo]. 34 leaves, typescript~ duplicated.
- 2/20 1946 Feb Outline scheme for passenger and racehorse air charter services. / R. H. Mayo. 19 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.
- 2/21 1946 Mar Summary report on scheme for passenger and racehorse air charter services. / R. H. Mayo. 17 leaves, typescript.
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3 The Mayo Composite Aircraft.

- 3/1 1932 Apr Patent No. 12015. Complete Specification Improvements in means for launching aircraft I Robert Hobart Mayo. 44 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.
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[with] General Note on the Mayo Composite

Aircraft

3 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.

- 3/3 1934 Sept Outline specification of 'Mayo' Composite Aircraft to meet the Requirements of Messrs: Imperial Airways. I Short Brothers (Rochester & Bedford) Ltd. Seaplane Works.
20 leaves, typescript; 16 blueprint diagrams.
- 3/4 1935 Jan Short-Mayo Composite Aircraft Schedule III
List of Equipment to be supplied by the Air Ministry. I Compiled by Short Bros. Ltd. and Imperial Airways.
8 leaves, typescript, duplicated.
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12 leaves, typescript, carbon copy; 5 figs.
- 3/6 1935 Nov Appendix 1
Design specification for single engine high speed bomber to give the same average cruising speed as the Mayo composite type. Pegasus X engine. I Gloster Aircraft Company Ltd.
10 leaves, typescript, carbon copy; 1 fig.
- 3/7 The Mayo Composite Aircraft. I The Mayo Composite Aircraft Company Ltd.
21 leaves, typescript.
- 3/8 1935 Certificate of Registration of Aircraft for two seater Short float seaplane monoplane, S796, owned by Imperial Airways Ltd. G-ADHJ
4p, photocopy
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Short Mayo
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- 3/14 1938 Jul Statistics of Mercury's Trans Atlantic
flight from Ireland to New York and
Return Flight from New York via Azores to
Southampton.
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Scotland to South Africa, 6th-8th October
.1938. Reports by Captain D.C.T. Bennett
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p.689-690 The Empire Mail.

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7p, ill. Reprinted from Flight, November 7 and 14.

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11p, ill. Reprinted from Flight, February 17

4/5 1938 Jul Transatlantic Flight of the Mercury.
3p, ill. Reprinted from Flight, July 28.

4/6 1938 Oct Seaplane Distance Record for Britain.
13 4p, ill. Reprinted from Flight, July 13

4/7 1938 Oct Newspaper cuttings from various newspapers on the flight of the Mercury.
96 leaves.

4/8 1938 Civil Aviation 1937. Annual report on progress with references to the Mayo Composite aircraft.
92p, ill.

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p.25-29 The Short-Mayo Aircraft.

5 Imperial Airways Ltd.

5/1 1923 May A National Aerial Transport Company. Proposal by the Directors of the Instone Air Line Ltd.
57p

- 5/2 [1930s] Imperial Airways in Pictures.
8 leaves, ill.
- 5/3 1931 Apr Programme of demonstration flights of the
new 4-engine flying boats, "Scipio",
"Sylvanus", and "Satyrus", constructed by
Messrs. Short Bros. for Imperial Airways
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11p, ill.
- 5/4 [ca.
1934] Imperial Airways.
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The Empire Routes of Imperial Airways.
Fold out leaflet with illustrations of
the aircraft used.
- 5/5 1934 Jun Imperial Airways European Summer Time
Table.
(abridged edition).
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- 5/6 1935-1936 Report of the Annual General Meeting.
Imperial Airways Ltd.
2 volumes, 32p & 56p.
- 5/7 1935 Jul Outline Specification for a Flying Boat
for
Passenger and Mail Services. I Imperial
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22 leaves, typescript, carbon copy.
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boat for Imperial Airways Transatlantic
Mail Service. / Supermarine Aviation
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- 5/9 [1936?] The Empire flying boat. The new class of
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- 5/10 1936 Oct Information pack re Empire flying boat
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1) Milestones in the progress of the
Empire's airways.) 11p.
2) List of those flying in The Canopus, 8
leaves.
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at table and location of toilet
facilities.

- 4) The Empire flying boat1 The Canopus.
[4]p.
- 5/11 1936-1938 Imperial Airways Gazette
5 copies. [incomplete run]
- 5/12 [1937] Imperial Airways, Europe, Africa 1 Far
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Fold out leaflet with illustrations of
the aircraft used.
- 5/13 [nd] The future is in the air. A publicity
leaflet about the third film in a series
of films on Imperial Airways.
8p, ill
- 5/14 1937 The Imperial conference of 1937 and the
Empire flying boats. I Imperial Airways.
8p, ill.
- 5/15 1937 Short Bros. "C" class aircraft.
Specification.
67 leaves, 54 diagrams.
- 5/16 1937 May The Empire air mail programme / R. H.
Mayo
Two editions. 24 & 25p, ill.
- 5/17 [1938] The Parliamentary air committee and the
all-air Empire mail.
p. 5-8, ill, [incomplete].
- 5/18 1938 Jul Presentation pack to mark the
inauguration of the
Empire air mail programme [containing],
1) Programme, 3p.
2) list of those present at the:
ceremony, 11p
3) the story of the Empire mail
programme, 0p
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organisation,
67p, ill.
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Timetable and fares.
- 5/20 1938 Dec Imperial Airways sixth annual staff
dinner and dance. Menu.
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- 6/1 1919 Jun Luncheon to the winner of the Daily Mail Prize for the Trans-'Atlantic Air Race 1919. Alcock and Brown. Menu. [photograph of original which was given to Manchester International Airport Authority].
- 6/2 1927-1933 Programmes of the Royal Air Force displays, Hendon. 1927, 1928, 1930, 1933.
- 6/3 1931 Details of the International Illumination Congress, Royal Airforce display of night flying and landing, Exhibition at Croydon airport. 4p.
- 6/4 1934 Jul Air race for the King's cup. Programme. 28p, ill.
- 6/5 1953 International air race. England to New Zealand. [23]p, ill.
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- 6/8 nd Volume of newspaper cuttings on early years of aviation development. 36 leaves.

7 Films - [Video Cassette A 11]

- 7/1 Paramount news
Mid ocean airfield planned by scientist. Wilmington Del.
Monster seadrome larger than SS Leviathan carrying both hotels and hangars is demonstrated by models.
16mm film. B&W. Silent.
- 7/2 British Movietone News
Aviation latest. Mayo composite aircraft. Mia & Mercury and the Mayo split

16mm film. B&W. Silent.

7/3 British Movietone News Cutting Room
Mayo composite plane at Southampton, at
Luton and making trans-Atlantic test.
Mercury's pilot, Mercury in Canada, Ready
for
Cape flight, Mercury just misses record.
35mm film. B&W. With sound

The original films have been deposited with the
National Film Archive but a copy of the above films
is available at the Science Museum Library in
London, shelfmark 'Video cassette A 11'.

8 Photographs and illustrations.

- 8/1 1927 Feb 23-27 Some pictures of a flight from London to
Cairo on the Imperial Airways D.H.
Airliner. G-EBMZ.
25 prints.
- 8/2 1937 Photographs of the Short Mayo Composite
aircraft under construction.
141 prints
- 8/3 1937-1938 Photographs of the Short Mayo composite
aircraft in flight.
177 prints.
- 8/4 1917-1940s Photographs of R. H. Mayo.
36 prints.
- 8/5 1938 Photographs from the British Movietone
News of the separation of the Short Mayo
Composite aircraft.
45 prints.
[with] flickbook of photographs showing
the separation of the upper and lower
components.
- 8/6 1928 Photographs of the Short 'Calcutta'
aircraft
6 prints
- 8/7 1918 Photographs of the Tarrant Tabor, from
RAE.
17 prints
- 8/8 1930 Photographs of the competitors in the
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8/9	Miscellaneous views of civil aircraft. 46 prints.
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1939	Handley Page Bulletin 1939 p.70-74 precis of company history 1909- 1939.
1943	The case for the flying boat. / Saunders- Roe Ltd. 16p, ill.
1953	1st Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture. List of award winners with brief biographies.

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