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Guest Speaker Vanessa Ascough

'The Flight of the Vulture'

"An adventure not to be missed for the world" – the British round-the-world flight attempt 1924

On 25th March, 1924, the excitement at Calshot RAF Seaplane Base, UK, was palpable. The crew, Squadron Leader Archibald Stuart-MacLaren OBE MC DFC AFC, the leader of the expedition, Flying Officer W. N. Plenderleith, the Pilot and Sergeant W.H. Andrews, Flight Engineer made last minute checks to their Vickers Vulture amphibian aeroplane before taking off to a chorus of hurrah's and 'God Speed' from the assembled onlookers.

The planned route for the round-the-world flight was from West to East – over Europe, across the Aegean to the Persian Gulf, then over India and Burma to Hong Kong, via Japan to the Aleutians, Alaska, across Canada and then home via the Atlantic.

However, this brave attempt was never to complete the whole route, and they were finally taken back to CFB Esquimalt by HMCS Thiepval.

But the story of their adventures along the way is one of breathtaking bravery, impossible weather conditions and comradeship of the air.

Vanessa Ascough

is the granddaughter of MacLaren and has been researching the journey for many years, giving illustrated talks as well as writing articles for aviation magazines and now writing the biography of his life.



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All Welcome. No Fee. All Airplane Talk. No Politics.

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