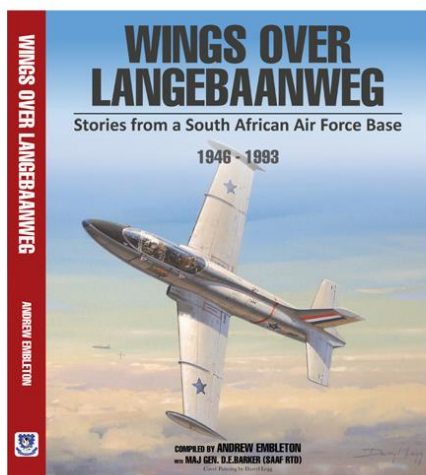


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This is a third volume in the unofficial story of the South African Airforce Training Schools. The period covered commences with the postwar Spitfires and ends with the departure of the Impala in 1993. The book was compiled by Andrew Embleton with important contributions and editing by Major General Des Barker (SAAF Rtd) with his huge knowledge and experience of the SAAF and its aircraft. The volume has 342 pages of which more than 50 are in colour. The book is in a large format 275 X225 mm and makes an attractive and valuable addition to the library or coffee table for browsing and as a reference.



Chapters include

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