

## Harold E. Morehouse Flying Pioneers Biographies Collection - Dyott, George M.

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Dyott evidently made several trips into the Amazon area of South America on planned expeditions, hunting for lost explorers, studying Amazon tribes and searching for palm groves. On one of these expeditions, during the 1920's, he took along a twin-engine Bellanca seaplane which was to be flown by George Rommill and Robert Cutter, assisting with the expeditionary work.

In early 1927 he went to South America to retrace the steps of Theodore Roosevelt along the River of Doubt. Colonel Roosevelt had lost much of his valuable film during his trip through the jungle and riding the rapids in 1914. Dyott was commissioned by the Roosevelt family and the Roosevelt Memorial Association to obtain a film record of the scenes which the ex-President had passed through.

In 1928 he went into the Brazilian jungles for the Royal Geographical Society with an expedition seeking Colonel P. H. Fawcett, a British explorer who had disappeared with his son three years earlier. After an eventful 3,000 mile swing through the jungle the Dyott party finally came upon clues but were eventually forced to conclude that the Fawcetts had been lost.

Dyott passed away at his home in Babylon, Long Island, on August 1, 1972, at age 89. He was survived by his wife, and three sons. Pioneer pilot, plane builder, instruction George Dyott contributed much to America's aviation history. An explorer and renown writer-lecturer, George M. Dyott is most deserving of his place in these biographies.

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