

Through you and the governing Council of the Royal Aeronautical Society I should like to take this opportunity of thanking not only the Society, but those other bodies which together govern the field of British aeronautics:—

The Royal Aero Club,
The Air League of the British Empire and
The Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

All four bodies have shown such great interest in my flight, and given me personally such a welcome on the occasion of my all too brief stay in this country, that I feel convinced that the bond of aviation is binding Great Britain and America more closely together than ever before, and that it will strengthen with the years to come.

The spontaneous sincerity of your welcome makes me hope that in the not very distant future I may be able to re-visit your country and renew the all too brief acquaintanceships.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) CHARLES A. LINDBERGH.

Italian International Air Congress

On the invitation of the Italian Government and under the Presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince Amedeo di Savoia Aosta, the Fourth International Air Congress will be held in the Main Hall of the Reale Accademia dei Lincei in Rome on October 20th-26th, 1927. Meetings will be held on air navigation questions, scientific and aerological questions, legal questions, medical questions, technical questions and touring and propaganda during the five days following the opening of the Congress. All members participating in the Congress will receive special reduced travelling fares and other facilities in Italy. Members wishing to submit written papers should do so by September 1st. The official languages of the Congress are Italian, French and English.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary-General, Major Pier Francesco Bitossi, IV International Air Congress, Via della Mercede, 9, Rome.

J. LAURENCE PRITCHARD, *Secretary*.

OBITUARY

WING COMMANDER WILLIAM GEORGE SITWELL

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Wing Commander William George Sitwell, at the early age of 37, in the R.A.F. hospital at Halton.

Wing Commander Sitwell, a Member of the Society, took his Aero Club certificate in June, 1913, and so was one of the pre-war pioneers of flying. He was a brilliant all-round airman, but his constant ill-health prevented him from rising as high in the Service as his abilities entitled him to.