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FINDING ANSWERS

In this issue 37, ***eDEN*** welcomes members back from the summer (?) break with a series of answers to queries which have come the way of DEHS, laying emphasis on our way of working by sharing the often obscure original sources so that members, and enquirers, can make up their own minds based on the evidence.

Readers will recall that our **Award for Restoration for 2015** recognises the meticulous work of **Richard Hankins and Tony Waller of the Electronics Restoration Trust** and in particular their **GEE Mk1** project; **Tony** provides us with a summary of the work to date, and we remind readers of the value of interviews of TRE staff carried out in 1945 by use of the example of the **interview of R J Dippy**, Gee's father-figure, corrected in his own hand.

We move on to our member **John Kaesehagen** who asked from Australia for help in identifying some of the items in his collection; we believe we have located the Air Publication identifying several items as used for **drone control**, and because John has provided excellent pictures, print these and the images matching them from the Air Publication, before using that manual to illustrate the use of John's control equipment – originally designed for use with the **Meteor target drone**, hence the photo heading this page, and modified for the **Jindivik**. I have also recommended Michael Draper's book, which I have found useful in answering queries about UK drones of all periods, for members interested in this field.

We then cover **S/Ldr Mike Dean MBE's** reply to the archaeological report we published last month (by kind permission of its author and the Council for British Archaeology – Yorkshire), dealing with the interpretation of the **radar site at Ravenscar**, on the North Yorkshire Coast. Mike has provided further and better information which should enable re-interpretation of the site – exactly what we hoped might be the case, and a good example of the value of archaeologists and technological historians working together.

Our fourth main article was written by the late **Ernie Putley**, covering the less-well-known passive radar warning receiver **Boozer**, used by the RAF in World War 2 to give visual warning of a bomber's acquisition by either ground-based radar (*Wurzburg* whether used for GCI or for gun-laying, GL), or by *Lichtenstein* AI radar.

Finally, we draw attention to **DEHS Publications** – Xmas is coming! – and remind you of the current **Oxford exhibition on the physicist Henry Moseley** - not long left to visit it if you have not done so, so get your skates on! In **Tailpiece**, I note the panic created by a **premature announcement of an in-service date for an Army surveillance drone**, and the

mobilization of a luckless Army unit to plough through deep snow to the Continent to give substance to the Minister's words. The Minister who spoke so unfortunately? One **John Profumo** ...

As always, suggestions for improvements, offers of articles and all general comments to me at philjudkins@btinternet.com

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