

### THE CALSHOT OWL

A magnificent piece and a regular at Dining-in nights in the Mess, the Calshot Owl is an 18 inch high trophy on a base. The owl itself is solid silver and stands in a silver circle, set with three stars. Behind the owl is a lightning bolt. A raised Latin inscription reads "Scientia Labore Astris Tutus Per Caelum Ibis", which can be roughly translated as "By hard work you shall travel the sky, secure in the science of the stars"; which gives a clue as to the Owl's origins. On the trophy's base is a silver disc bearing the 1929 squadron badge, a seagull above the words "201, Hic et Ubique".

Some interesting information about the Calshot Owl is given in a letter to the Squadron from Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton. In 1927, Sir Edward was a member of No 480 Flight based at Calshot, which was later reformed as 201 Squadron in 1929. In his letter he tells of his efforts to save the owl from the clutches of Maintenance Command when Calshot closed down. The Squadron had little silver of its own and asked if they could have the owl, 201 had made a small contribution to its original cost - hence the attachment of the small silver disc - but the lion's share of the cost had been borne by RAF Calshot and an Air Navigation Course - thus the Latin inscription. However, since the trophy bears the 201 Squadron badge, ownership was not difficult to prove, and the Calshot Owl has graced the squadron silver-cabinet ever since.



### THE LONGMORE ROSEBOWL

The Longmore Rosebowl dates from 1913, but has only been part of the collection since 1974. The Squadron celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in that year and whilst contacting former members, a letter was received from Sir James Longmore, the eldest surviving son of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, offering the piece to the Squadron. The Rosebowl was a wedding present to Sir Arthur and his wife in 1913 from the other members of No.2 FTS course. It bears the inscription "From the officers' second course Central Flying School 23 April 1913". The rosebowl is all the more fascinating as it bears the facsimile signatures of the other course members, including Major H.M. Trenchard, Capt J.M. Salmond and Lt F.W. Bowhill. Sir James Longmore very generously donated the rosebowl to 201 on the 24th October 1974 and the plinth marks this event.



### THE RIDDELL TROPHY

The feats of Flt Sub Lt Riddell are well documented in the World War I section of this book and it is fitting that the Squadron silver collection contains an item presented by him. The trophy is a fine, double-handled silver cup, standing some 12 inches high.



### THE A V ROE SHACKLETON

This trophy was presented to the Squadron by the directors of A.V. Roe and Co Ltd to commemorate the round-the-world flight made by a Shackleton Mk 3 P/201 between 8th May and 19th June 1959. The globe shows the route picked out in red and a plate on the reverse of the trophy breaks the route down into the legs actually flown. The total distance was 24,274 nautical miles.



### THE GUERNSEY LIAISON TROPHIES

The States of Guernsey commissioned these two trophies in 1939, one for the officers and one for the SNCOs of 201. The intention had been to present them in September of that year but the war intervened. They were hidden throughout the occupation of Guernsey and finally presented to the Squadron on a post-war visit, in 1947.