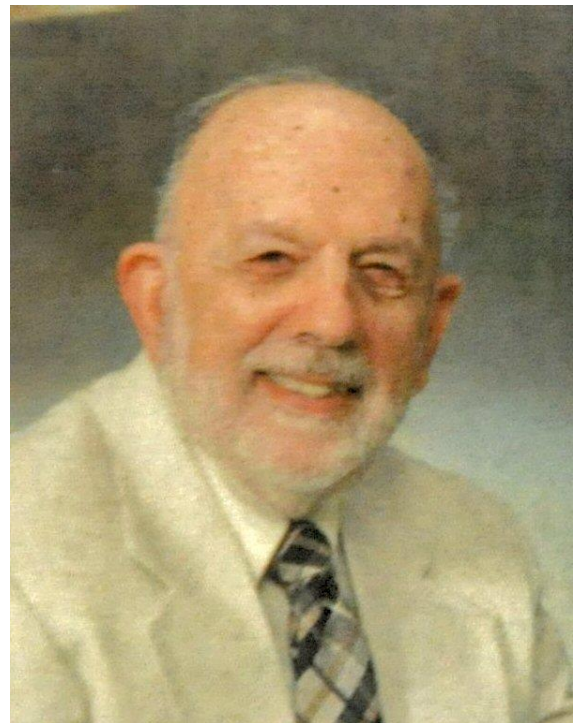
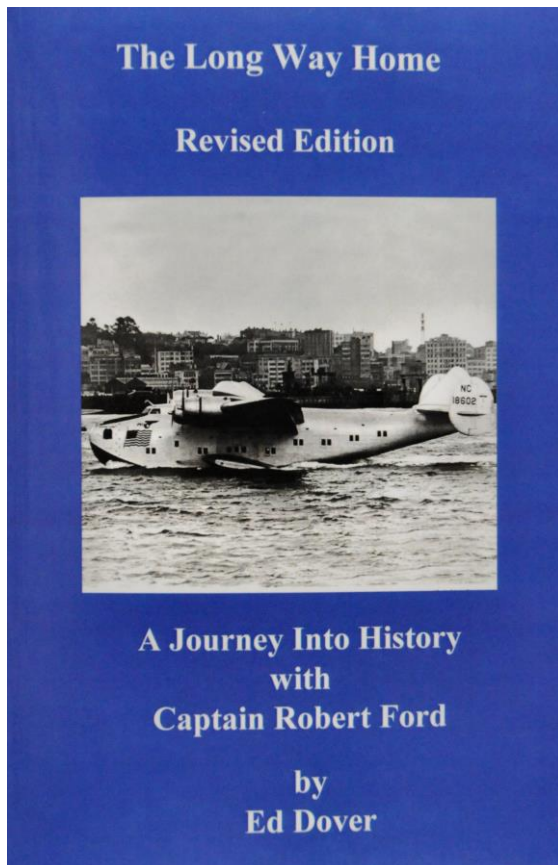


The Long Way Home

Flying Pan American Airways B-314 Back Home

When Pearl Harbor was attacked on Dec. 7, 1942 the war had come to the Pacific. Pan Am was flying into New Zealand from San Francisco via Pearl Harbor in one of the largest Flying Boats, the Boeing B-314 that was flying its planned route from the U.S. to Australia. With the attack on Pearl Harbor the return flight back to Hawaii for the Pan Am Clipper was not possible. The only way to get back the U.S. was to fly around to the Atlantic side and return to the New York base. This book covers that story in great detail of Capt. Bob Ford's journey and getting the clipper back to the U.S.A.

The book is written by Ed Dover who lives in Albuquerque. Ed was a radio operator on the Pan Am clippers and known many of the crew members and wanted to write of this valiant flight of returning the crew and the plane back to the U.S. After WWII Ed joined the Civil Aeronautics Authority, which later became the FAA. He worked a number of assignments and ended up in Albuquerque on this last station before retiring. In 1991 while attending a 50th reunion of his high school, one of his former classmates provided him with information that enable him to contact Captain Bob Ford and write the story of this little unknown flight.



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