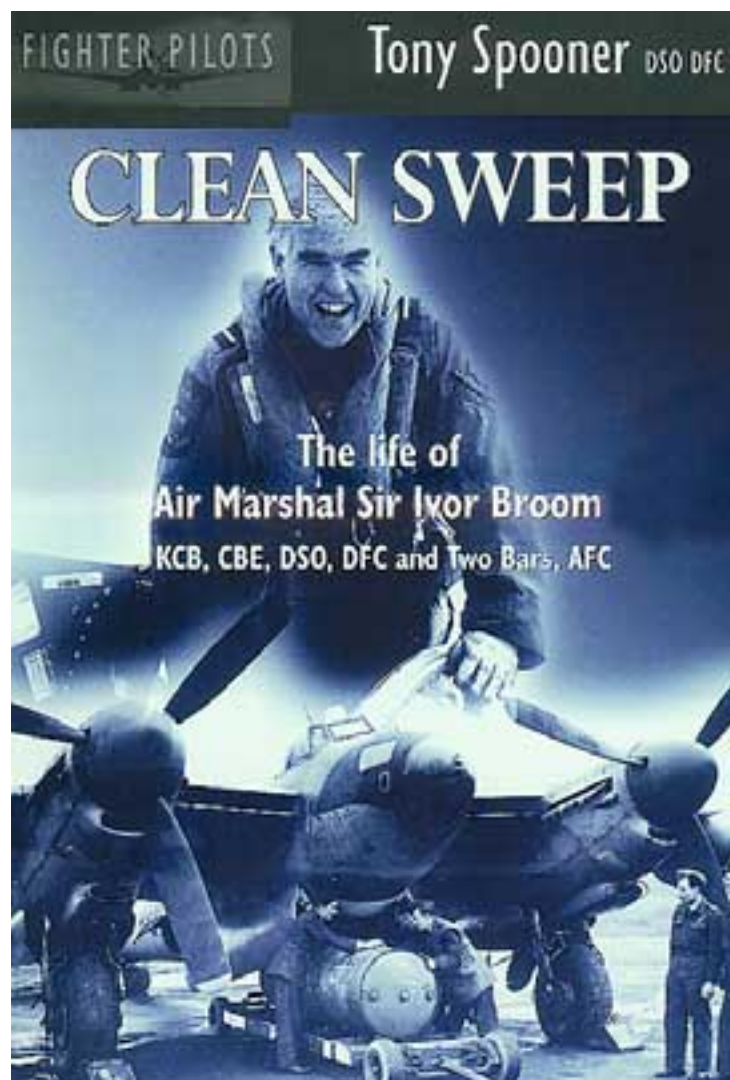


CLEAN SWEEP

THE LIFE OF AIR MARSHAL SIR IVOR BROOM

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The remarkable story of a lad from the Rhondda Valley who rose from the rank of Sergeant Pilot to Air Marshal receiving the DSO, three DFCs, an AFC and other decorations along the way. He completed three tours of operations over enemy territory including thirty-one extremely dangerous low level attacks on enemy targets from the beleaguered island of Malta. All the officer pilots in his squadron had been killed or were missing and he was commissioned by the AOC Malta and led the squadron on a number of missions. But *Clean Sweep* is not only the story of a skilful and courageous wartime pilot

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