

## Service Aviation . . . . .

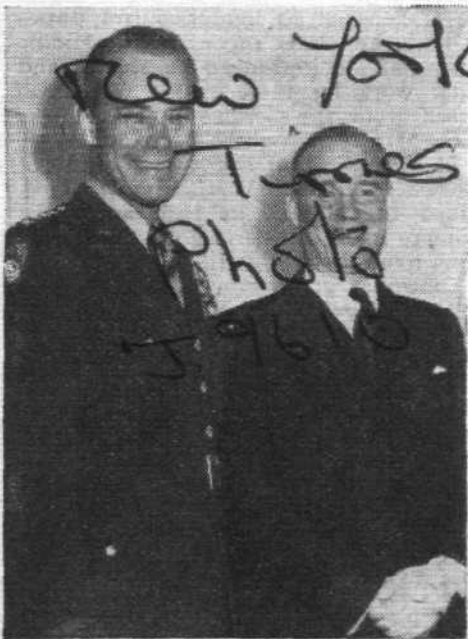
by S/L. I. McT. Ramsay, who was commissioned in September, 1940, after serving as a sergeant pilot in the pre-war R.A.F.V.R. During the war he flew with No. 272 Squadron in the Middle East, after spending two years as a flying instructor.

### The Other Lift

ALL ranks of the R.A.F. Mediterranean and Middle East Command who have been participating in the air operations to relieve famine in Hadhramaut, Arabia, have been congratulated in a message sent by the Chief of Air Staff, Lord Tedder, to Air Marshal Sir William Dickson, their A.O.C-in-C. Lord Tedder referred to "another unexpected job well done without fuss or bother," and his message concluded "good show." In a month, R.A.F. Dakotas dropped over 750 tons of grain to 80,000 Arabs faced with starvation through crop failure.

### R.A.F. Golf

FIXTURES for the R.A.F. Golfing Society have been announced. The spring meeting will be held at the Berkshire Golf Club, Ascot, on April 26th, 27th and 28th; the Moor Park Club, Herts, will be the scene of the summer meeting on July 1st, and the three-day autumn meeting will begin on September 6th at Walton Heath. The Ladies' Section (formerly the W.R.A.F. Golfing Society) will play its championship at

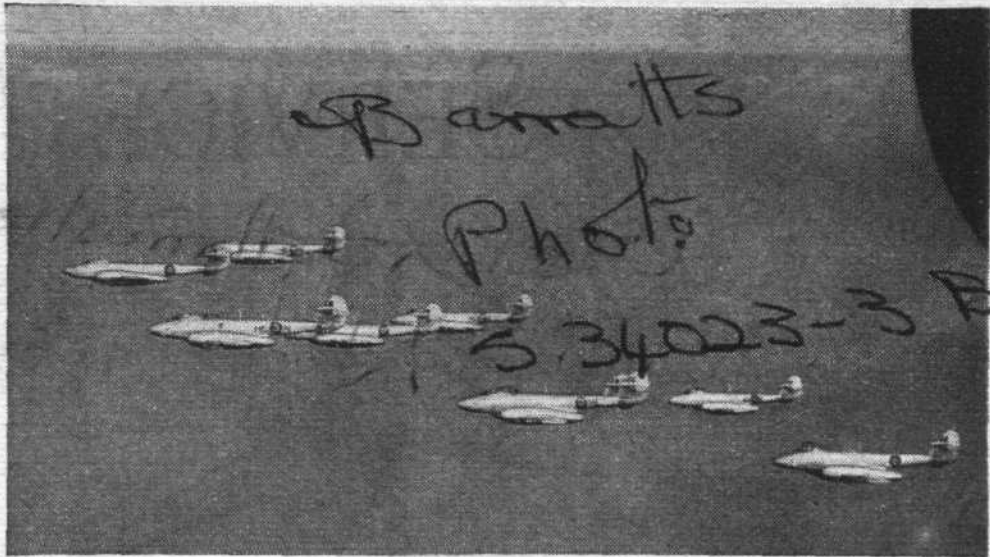


KEY MEN: On a recent visit to London, General Hoyt Vandenberg, the U.S. Chief of Air Staff (left), was met by his "opposite number," Lord Tedder, and the Secretary of State for Air, Mr. Arthur Henderson, with whom he is seen in this photograph.

the autumn meeting. From Air Headquarters, Iraq, it is learned that the R.A.F. Golf Club at Habbaniya has been re-formed, and a new nine-hole course opened.

### Northern Air Display

A FULL-SCALE air display is now being organized by No. 613 (City of Manchester) Squadron, R.Aux.A.F., in conjunction with A. V. Roe & Co., Ltd. Sir Roy Dobson, managing director of Avro, and Honorary Air Commodore of



FORMIDABLE FORMATION: A squadron of Fighter Command Meteor 4s at altitude. R.A.F. units equipped with these hard-hitting interceptors are the core of Britain's air defence system.

the Squadron, has placed the company's airfield at Woodford at the disposal of "613" for the display, which will be held in the afternoon of Saturday, April 30th.

The organizers hope that the display will be representative of both the R.A.F. and the aircraft industry, and that it will rank with the best ever held in this country.

### Shackleton Flies

THE Avro Shackleton, a maritime reconnaissance bomber powered by four Rolls-Royce Griffons, made its first flight at Woodford on Wednesday of last week. Mr. "Jimmy" Orrell, Avro's chief test pilot, flew the aircraft, which was in the air for 33 minutes.

### First Auxiliary Rejoins

THE first recruit to join the Auxiliary Air Force when it began forming in 1925, Mr. W. J. Warrell, has now applied to re-enter the force, as a member of No. 2604 (County of Middlesex) Light A.A. Squadron, R.Aux.A.F. Regiment. Between 1925 and 1929 he served with No. 600 Squadron, then a bomber unit, as a fitter, before transferring to the Territorial Army until 1934.

He entered the R.A.F. in 1941 and served as a nursing orderly until released in 1945. Although Mr. Warrell is now 44, which is six years over age, he intends to continue working as a nursing orderly during spare-time service with No. 2604 Squadron.

### Benevolence

THE R.A.F. Benevolent Fund has received £5,439 as a result of the "At Home" day, during Battle of Britain Week, when 81 R.A.F. airfields were opened to the public. Admission was free, but proceeds from car-park charges, collecting boxes and side-shows have now been divided equally between the Fund and the R.A.F. Association. Church of England collections on R.A.F. stations last year brought the Fund £372, while R.A.F.A. branch activities during Battle of Britain Week realized a further £6,700. A series of auction sales held at the R.A.F. Central Depository, Hornchurch, has raised over £1,000. Items sold consisted of the personal effects of deceased airmen, and property mislaid by mem-

bers of the R.A.F. in all parts of the world.

## R.A.F. Permanent Commissions

### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Squadron Leaders: C. R. Hill, D.F.C., R. J. Neal, D.F.C., N. S. Petch, J. B. Robertson.

Flight Lieutenants: F. J. Belfitt, D.F.M., J. A. Bland, R. L. E. Burton, J. J. Canning, D.F.C., D. E. Cooke, F. C. Cooke, D.F.C., W. C. P. Cory, D. M. Finn, D.F.C., A. H. Fryer, L. C. Griffiths, D.F.C., T. M. Hay, L. J. Hill, J. K. Holt, J. L. Lilburn, M. J. Lloyd, W. S. Mockford, J. Niven, D.F.C., M. Penman, D.F.M., E. N. Simmons, G. H. Sizer, F. W. Sledmere, R. W. Steel.

Flying Officers: W. G. George, A. G. Scott.

### TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenants: A. G. Ayre, J. Crane, T. Cross, W. Edwards, G. A. Henderson, M. Hermonston, F. A. Houghton, F. C. Lowe, V. R. Luca-rotti, R. G. J. Lynch, M.B.E., W. H. Robinson, D.F.C., D.F.M., A. J. H. Sammels, R. Stephens, A. C. Whitfield, M.B.E., D. Wilkinson.

Flying Officers: T. E. Allison, M. B. Faraday, D. L. F. Hayward, B. A. Jones, M. E. Le Gallez, T. A. Poyntz, J. Sproson, E. A. N. Webb, P. Woolley.

### EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Squadron Leader: D. R. Parkinson.

Flying Officer: R. J. Lockyer.

### SECRETARIAL BRANCH.

Wing Commander: F. J. Taylor, C.B.E.

Squadron Leaders: J. G. E. Horne, O.B.E., W. J. Marshall, M.B.E., W. W. Watson, O.B.E.

Flight Lieutenants: D. Driscoll, J. G. Featherstone, A. MacLeod, A. McNally.

Flying Officers: T. J. Bishop, D.F.C., F. W. G. Braisher, E. R. Simmons.

### R.A.F. REGIMENT.

Flight Lieutenant: O. L. Browne, D.F.C.

### AIRCRAFT CONTROL BRANCH.

Squadron Leader: J. R. Blackburn.

Flight Lieutenant: J. B. M. Stapleford.

Flying Officers: F. G. Budd, A. R. Daw.

### PROVOST BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenants: F. W. Kendrick, L. W. C. Lewis, R. C. Mawer, H. Taswell.

Flying Officer: E. Booth.

### CATERING BRANCH.

Squadron Leader: H. Fallows.

## Reunions

THE second annual reunion of No. 3 B.F.T.S. (R.A.F.), late of Miami, Oklahoma, will be held at the con-naught Rooms, London, on May 29th. Tickets 17s 6d (stag) from H. V. D. Hallett, 142, Southampton Road, East-leigh, Hants.

Former members of No. 1 A.R.S., R.A.F. Heliopolis, 1942-46, interested in a reunion are asked to contact F. Neighbour, 72, Raglan Gardens, Oxhey, Wat-ford, Herts.