Service Aviation

by S/Lt. 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. 372 Squadron in the Middle East, afterwards flying 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 by 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. Golfin Society have been announced. The spring meeting will be held at the Berkshire Golf Club, Ascot, on April 27th, 28th; the Moor Park Club, Herts, will be the scene of the summer meeting on July lst, 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 the autumn meeting. From Air Head-quarter, Iraq, it is learned that the R.A.F. Golf Club at Tiflabbaniya has been opened.

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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. 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.

Beneficence

The R.A.F. Beneficent Fund has raised £5,435 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 £472, 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 members of the R.A.F. in all parts of the world.

R.A.F. Permanent Commissions

General Duties Branch


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

Technical Branch


Equipment Branch

Squadron Leaders: D. R. Parkinson.

Flying Officer: R. J. Lockyer.

Secretarial Branch

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


R.A.F. Regiment

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

Aircraft Control Branch

Squadron Leader: J. R. Blackburn.

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

Provost Branch


Flying Officer: E. Booth.

Catering Branch

Squadron Leaders: H. Fallowes.

Reunions

The second annual reunion of No. 3 B.F.T.S. (R.A.F.), late of Miami, Oklahoma, will be held at the connaught Rooms, London, on May 29th. Tickets £7s 6d (stag) from H. V. D. Hallett, 242, Southampton Road, East-leigh, Hants.

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