

**AIR COMMODORE REGINALD LENNOX GEORGE MARIX, D.S.O.**, was born at Kensington, London, in 1889, and educated at Radley College, and at the Sorbonne, Paris. In 1909 he enrolled in the R.N.V.R., and was discharged as leading seaman in 1912 when he was appointed sub-lieut., R.N.R.

He then took up flying and became a flying officer, R.F.C. (Naval Wing) in 1913. On the outbreak of the Great War he was promoted flight commander R.N.A.S., and saw service at Scapa Flow, with the bomb-dropping squadron at Antwerp, as well as in France and the Dardanelles. In 1919 he was given a permanent commission in the R.A.F. as squadron leader, and served on the Prussian naval aircraft sub-commission and the inter-allied aeronautical commission of control in Paris and Berlin. He has also served on the intelligence staff at the Air Ministry and in the Mediterranean. He was promoted wing commander in 1930 and group captain in 1936.

His decorations include the D.S.O. awarded in 1914 when he carried out a successful attack on Dusseldorf airship shed, dropping two bombs on the shed from a height of 600ft. and completely destroying it. His machine was under heavy fire from rifles and mitrailleuses, and was hit five times during the attack. He also received the Belgian Order of the Crown (Chevalier) and the Belgian Croix de Guerre avec palme for distinguished services during the war, and was twice mentioned in despatches.

**AIR COMMODORE ARTHUR LESLIE GREGORY, M.B.E., M.C.**, who is aged 50, was educated at Bedford Grammar School and St. Paul's. He was given a commission in the Dorset Regt. (Special Reserve) in 1912 and reached the rank of captain in 1915. He went to France in 1916, and the following year was seconded for duty with the Royal Flying Corps as an equipment officer, continuing his service in France. Receiving a permanent commission as a flight-lieutenant (Tech.) in the Royal Air Force in 1919 he was promoted squadron leader in 1921, and served in Iraq from 1923 to 1925. Promotion to wing commander came in 1931, and shortly after going to the Middle East in 1936 he was promoted group captain and commanded the depot there.

He received the Military Cross for distinguished service in the field in 1917, was mentioned in despatches in 1918, and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) in recognition of valuable war services in 1919.

**AIR COMMODORE FORSTER HERBERT MARTIN MAYNARD, A.F.C.**, was born at Wainuku, Awitu, New Zealand, in 1893. He was educated at St. John's School, Leatherhead, and University College, London. He enlisted in the Royal Naval Division Engineers in 1914, was promoted corporal, and received a commission in the Royal Naval Air Service in 1915.

He was promoted flight lieutenant in 1916, flight commander in 1917, captain in the R.A.F. in 1918, and temporary major in the same year. He was given a permanent commission as a flight lieutenant in the R.A.F. in 1919, and became a squadron leader in 1923. He took the R.A.F. Staff College course in 1924, and was employed on air staff duties from 1925 to 1929, when he was appointed to command No. 12 (B) Squadron. Promotion to wing commander came in 1931, and staff duties in Iraq engaged him from 1932 to 1935, when he returned to this country to command University of London Air Squadron. He was promoted group captain in 1937 and posted to H.Q. No. 23 (T) Group.

He received the Air Force Cross in the King's Birthday Honours in 1919 for distinguished war services.

**AIR COMMODORE CLAUDE RUSSEL COX, O.B.E., A.F.C.**, was born at the British consulate, Buenos Aires, in 1893, and educated at the Deutsche Schule, Argentine; Churches College, Petersfield; National College, Rosario, Argentine; and Buenos Aires University. Early in 1915 he was commissioned with the Dorset Regiment. Later he became a flying officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and served in France, and in 1919 he received a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force.

After service in India, he was on the staff at Cranwell, and in 1924 he was promoted squadron leader and served at the Air Ministry. He saw service in Transjordan and Palestine, being engaged on air staff operational duties. He returned to the Air Ministry and became a wing commander in 1932. After a flying boat pilot's course at Calshot he took command of a flying boat squadron and went out to the Royal Air Force station at Seletar, Singapore, of which he took command at the end of 1936, and was promoted group captain the following year.

He was awarded the A.F.C. in 1918 in recognition of valuable flying services, was mentioned in despatches for his work in Waiziristan in 1921, and received the O.B.E. (Mil.) in 1935. Having been born in Argentine, he is a first-class Spanish interpreter.

**AIR COMMODORE JAMES MILNE ROBB, D.S.O., D.F.C.**, was born in 1895, and educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh, and Durham University, where his studies were interrupted by his enlistment in the Northumberland Fusiliers in 1914 on the outbreak of war. Within two months he was commissioned in that regiment. In 1916 he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps, and served in France until the end of the war.

He was awarded the D.F.C. in 1919 for his services in the war, in which he displayed brilliant leadership of air patrols. In 1919 he was granted a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force as flight lieutenant, having relinquished his Army commission.

From 1922 to 1925 he served in Iraq and was awarded the D.S.O. for his valuable work in connection with Kurdistan operations of 1925. He returned to England in 1926, and his subsequent employment included a period of two years as chief flying instructor at the Central Flying School. In 1932 he successfully completed a course at the Royal Naval Staff College, after which he served with the Fleet Air Arm in the Far East as senior air force officer on H.M.S. "Eagle," and later as fleet aviation officer to the commander in chief, Mediterranean fleet. In 1936 he took command of the Central Flying School, Upavon. He was promoted to the rank of squadron leader on January 1, 1924, to wing commander on January 1, 1932, and attained his present rank on July 1, 1937.

**AIR COMMODORE LEONARD HORATIO SLATTER, O.B.E., D.S.C., D.F.C.**, is aged 45 and was born at Durham, South Africa. He was educated at Dale College and Selbourne College, South Africa, and at Battersea Polytechnic. In 1914 he enlisted in the Royal Naval Air Service. He received a temporary commission in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1915, and transferred to the Royal Naval Air Service in 1916.

After reaching the rank of captain in the Royal Air Force he was granted a permanent commission as flight lieutenant in 1919 and served in Russia and Constantinople. He was promoted squadron leader in 1924 and commanded the Royal Air Force Base at Malta. Command of other squadrons at home followed, and he reached the rank of wing commander in 1932 and that of group captain in 1937.

The O.B.E. and D.F.C. were awarded for distinguished service, and the D.S.C. for conspicuous gallantry and skill on many occasions during the last war. He was awarded a bar to his D.S.C. for bombing Ostende seaplane station from only 400ft. above ground despite intense anti-aircraft fire.

**AIR COMMODORE WILLIAM BOSTON CUSHION, O.B.E.**, born at West Wymer, Norwich, in 1891, was educated at Gresham School, Holt, and received technical training before taking up a commission with the Manchester Regiment on the outbreak of war. He transferred to the R.F.C. in 1916, and saw service in France with the kite balloon station. He received a permanent commission in the R.A.F. in 1919, being promoted to squadron leader in 1922, wing commander in 1929, and group captain in 1937. Since 1935 he has been in command of various stores, equipment, and maintenance units. He received the O.B.E. (Mil. Div.) in the King's Birthday Honours List in 1927.

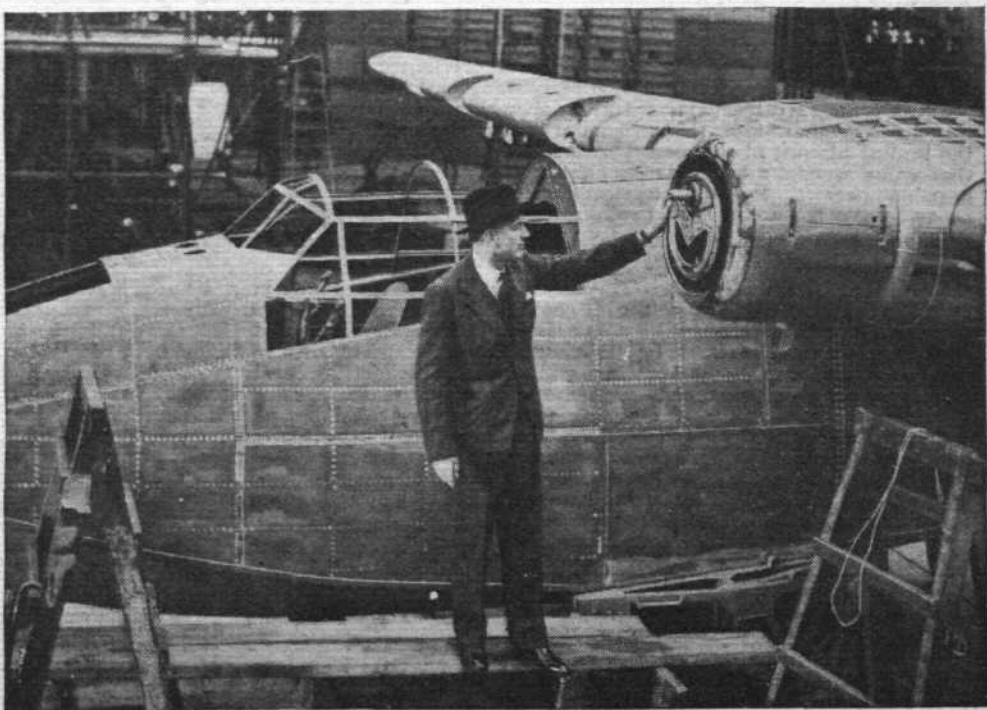
**AIR COMMODORE RUDALL WOODLIFFE THOMAS, O.B.E.**, was born at Tiverton, Devon, in 1890, and educated at William Ellis Endowed School, Coopers Company School, and the London Hospital Medical College. He took up a commission in the territorials in 1913 and had become a captain in 1916, when he went to Reading for instruction in aviation and transferred to the R.F.C. He filled several technical appointments in the stores departments before and after receiving a permanent commission in the R.A.F. in 1920. He was promoted squadron leader (Stores) in 1921, wing commander (Stores) in 1927, group captain (Equipment) in 1936, and had been acting air commodore (unpaid) since May, 1939. He was awarded the O.B.E. (Mil. Div.) in 1919 in recognition of valuable services in the war, and was mentioned in despatches from Kurdistan in 1924.

## Royal Air Force Awards

**H.M. THE KING** has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to members of the Royal Air Force in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.

### The Distinguished Flying Cross

**Sqn. Ldr. (Act. Wing Cdr.) JOHN FRANCIS GRIFFITHS:** During December, 1939, in spite of adverse weather and strong enemy oppo-



**A BABY LERWICK:** Capt. H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, interested in a flying scale model of the Saro-Lerwick. The engines are Pobjoys.