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Other branches of the women's service will be the Women's Royal Air Force Reserve of Officers, the Women's Royal Air Force Reserve, the Women's Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, the Women's Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and the Women's Royal Auxiliary Air Force Reserve.

Escaping Society

THE R.A.F. Escaping Society offices are now at No. 83, Portland Place, London, W.1. Telephone: Welbeck 1156, extension 24.

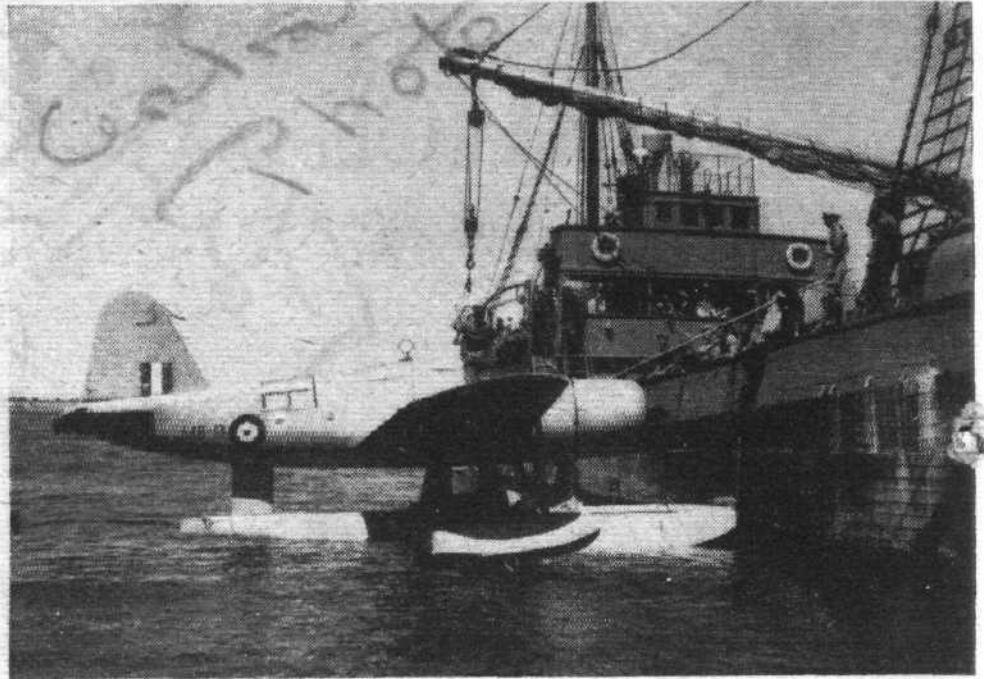
Electrical Quarterly

THE first issue of the Electrical Officers' Association (R.A.F.) Quarterly *Bulletin* contains an inaugural address by Group Captain C. C. Bazell, A.M.I.E.E., the President of the Association, which was formed in 1946. Electrical officers will find an abundance of news and technical information in its 23 pages. The Editor is S/L. E. Armistead, 33, The Drive, Adel, Leeds, 6, Yorks.

W.A.A.F. Overseas Inspection

THE Director of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Air Commandant F. H. Hanbury, M.B.E., is making an inspection of all R.A.F. stations in the Middle East and Far East on which W.A.A.F. personnel are serving. The purpose of her visit is to assure herself that conditions on these overseas stations are suitable in every respect for women, and that adequate facilities for recreation and leave exist when the W.A.A.F. overseas posting policy is brought into line with that of the Royal Air Force.

This will be the Air Commandant's first visit to Singapore and the Far East, but many of the stations in the Middle East will be familiar to her. The Director was Senior W.A.A.F. Staff



POLAR KINGFISHER: The Kingfisher (genus Chance-Vought) is an uncommon sight these days. Here is one going aboard H.M.A.S. "Wyatt Earp," a vessel used for Antarctic exploration.

Officer in the Middle East in 1945 and 1946, when in nine months she put in 300 flying hours to visit the 3,500 officers and airwomen, then in Middle East.

Aid from Art

NEARLY £1,500 has been collected for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund by the sale and exhibition of pictures by noted Brazilian artists. The pictures were donated by the artists in 1943 as a gesture of friendship to Britain. After exhibition in London, they were seen at the Castle Museum, Norwich; the National Gallery, Edinburgh; the Kelvin Grove Art Gallery, Glasgow; the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath; the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery; the Manchester Art Gallery, and the Reading Art Gallery.

R.A.F. Rugby Union Chairman

A. CDRE. G. R. BEAMISH, C.B., C.B.E., rugby captain and Irish international, has succeeded G/C. G. A. Walker, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., as chairman of the R.A.F. Rugby Union. A. Cdre. Beamish is Director of Weapons, Air Ministry. Holder of 25 international caps, he has two brothers in the service, and his elder brother, G/C. F. V. Beamish, D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C., A.F.C., was killed during the war. All four have represented the R.A.F. at Rugby, and one of them has played 12 times for Ireland. During the war the family held a unique record, with four brothers and two sisters in the R.A.F., the latter being women dental officers.

A. Cdre. Beamish is an all-round sportsman. In 1925 he was R.A.F. officers' gold champion, and in 1929 R.A.F. heavyweight boxing champion.

R.A.F. School

THE R.A.F. has set up a School of Education at Wellesbourne Mountford, Warwickshire, to provide courses for education officers and others who may have to perform educational duties. One object of the school is to give specialist training to newly appointed education branch officers, including the adaptation of their professional qualifications to Air Force needs. Courses for this purpose will, to begin with, last four weeks and will cover some aspects of teaching practice, the organization of Air Force education, the part played by education in maintaining high training and morale standards, and the scope of the citizenship and current affairs scheme. The school is also to train members of the Service who may have to help as instructors in citizenship and current affairs under the General Education Scheme.

Reunions

A NO. 19 F.T.S. reunion will take place on Saturday, March 13th, at the Strand Brasserie. Tickets—15s each—from F/O. J. Oliver, R.A.F., Feltwell, Thetford, Norfolk.



MINUS BUTTON, PLUS D.S.O.: When he attended an Investiture at Buckingham Palace recently to receive the D.S.O. for over a hundred bombing operations, F/L. J. C. Cogill wore the new-type officers tunic which has no side pockets, no bottom button and a hacking-jacket type back.