

The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom will be held on Wednesday, March 27th, 1918, at 3, Clifford Street, New Bond Street, London, W.1, at 6 o'clock.

Notices of motion for the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Secretary not less than 21 days before the meeting, and must be signed by at least five members. The last day for the receipt of notices of motion is Wednesday, March 6th, 1918.

Committee.

In accordance with the rules, the Committee shall consist of 18 members. Members are elected to serve for two years, half the Committee retiring annually. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

The retiring members of the Committee are:—

- Brig.-Gen. The Duke of Atholl, M.V.O., D.S.O.
- Lieut.-Col. W. D. Beatty, R.E.
- Brig.-Gen. W. S. Brancker, R.F.A.
- G. B. Cockburn.
- Lieut.-Col. F. Lindsay Lloyd.
- Major J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, R.F.C.
- Commander C. R. Samson, R.N., D.S.O.
- A. Mortimer Singer.
- T. O. M. Sopwith.

Any two members of the Club can nominate a member to serve on the Committee, provided the consent of the member has been previously obtained. The name of the member thus nominated, with the names of his proposer and seconder, must be sent in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The last day for the receipt of nominations is Wednesday, March 13th, 1918.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there were present:—Brig.-Gen. Sir Capel Holden, K.C.B., F.R.S., in the chair, Wing-Comdr. John D. Dunville, R.N., Wing Comdr. F. K. McClean, R.N., Mr. J. H. Nicholson and Mr. A. Mortimer Singer. In attendance Lieut.-Com. H. E. Perrin, R.N.V.R.

Election of Members.—The following new members were elected:—

- Frederick William Berwick.
- Capt. Sir Michael W. S. Bruce, Bart., R.F.A.
- 2nd Lieut. Edgar Watchorn Christie.
- Jacques Jules Daniel Fauquet.
- Capt. Thomas Henderson, R.E.
- Flight Comdr. Thomas Vaughan Lister, R.N.
- Major William McClure (South Lancashire Regt.).
- Eng. Lieut.-Comdr. Reginald Gascoigne Law Markham, R.N.
- Charles Harrington Moore.
- Rene Pottier.
- Capt. Elvy Robb, R.F.C.
- Capt. Robin Rowell, R.F.C.
- Squadron Comdr. Frederick Esk Sandford, R.N.
- 2nd Lieut. Alexander Hugh Welsh, R.F.C.
- Lieut. Godfrey Wentworth Wentworth, Norfolk Regt. and R.F.C.

THE FLYING SERVICES FUND, administered by THE ROYAL AERO CLUB.

THE Flying Services Fund has been instituted by the Royal Aero Club for the benefit of officers and men of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps who are incapacitated on active service, and for the widows and dependants of those who are killed.

The fund is intended for the benefit of all ranks, but especially for petty officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

Forms of application for assistance can be obtained from the Royal Aero Club, 3, Clifford Street, New Bond Street, London, W. 1.

Subscriptions.	£	s.	d.
Total subscriptions received to Feb. 12th, 1918	12,603	15	6
Staff and Workers of Gwynnes, Ltd. (fifty-sixth contribution)	10	14	1
Total, February 19th, 1918	12,614	9	7

H. E. PERRIN, Secretary.

3, Clifford Street, New Bond Street, W. 1.

"X" AIRCRAFT RAIDS.

"X 89" Raid (February 16th-17th).

The following *communiqués* have been issued by the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, Home Forces:—

February 16th, midnight.

"Hostile aircraft crossed the Kent coast of the Thames Estuary shortly before 10 this evening, and proceeded towards London. The raid is still in progress. So far only one bomb is reported as having been dropped in London."

February 17th, 10.45 a.m.

"About half-a-dozen enemy aeroplanes made the mouth of the Thames about 9.45 last night and carried out an attack against London. All were turned back save one machine, which penetrated into the capital along the line of the river and dropped a single bomb in the South-West district about 10 p.m. This bomb demolished a house and buried an invalided officer, his wife, and two children. Several other bombs were dropped by the raider in the eastern outskirts on its way in, but no serious casualties or damage are reported. An attack which was delivered against Dover about 10.45 p.m. was driven off, some bombs being dropped in open country. Several of our pilots engaged the enemy. One of them fought an action over the Kent coast, and shortly afterwards a large enemy machine was seen from the shore to crash into the sea. Police reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received, but are apparently light."

"February 18th.

"The total casualties caused by the aeroplane raid on Saturday night were:—Killed: 3 men, 5 women, 3 children; total, 11. Injured: 1 man, 3 children; total, 4.

"X 90" Raid (February 17th-18th).

February 17th, 11.40 p.m.

"Hostile aeroplanes came in over the Thames Estuary

shortly after 10 p.m. and proceeded towards London. Some bombs have been dropped in the capital. The raid is still in progress."

"February 18th.

"Last night's air raid appears to have been carried out by six or seven enemy aeroplanes, of which only one penetrated into London. The first raider passed the Isle of Thanet about 9.45 p.m., and proceeded up the Thames Estuary into London, crossing the capital from south-east to north-west. Bombs were dropped in various districts between 10.40 and 10.55 p.m. The remaining raiders, which attempted to reach London from the north-east across Essex, or from the east along the line of the River Thames, were all turned back. The casualties caused by last night's aeroplane raid were:—Killed: 13 men, 3 women; total, 16. Injured: 27 men, 10 women; total, 37."

"X 91" Raid (February 18th-19th).

"February 18th, midnight.

"Hostile aircraft crossed the coast of Essex shortly after 9 o'clock to-night and proceeded towards London. None of the raiders penetrated the defences, and so far no damage or casualties have been reported."

"February 19th.

"No casualties or damage were caused in last night's air raid."

Air Raid Warning in Paris.

THE following official *communiqué* was issued in Paris on February 18th:—

"At 9.40 p.m. suspicious sounds of motors were heard by our guard posts in the north-east region. A warning was given and precautionary measures were immediately taken. At 10.30 p.m. the sounds of the motors had ceased. No bombs are reported to have been dropped. At 11 p.m. the warning was over."