

Capt. ALFRED ANDREW MARIS, Suffolk Regt., was married on July 9th at Emmanuel Congregational Church, Cambridge, to BLANCHE BEATRICE BLOWS.

Capt. GEOFFREY P. NEALE, R.A.F., of Brentwood, was married on July 9th at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, N.W., to STELLA B. WILD, of King's Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Major R. H. C. ROUTLEY, Royal Fusiliers, attached R.A.F., was married on July 9th at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, to MARY SYLVIA, only child of Professor and Mrs. Percy GROOM, of "Pinehurst," Gerrards Cross.

Items.

Major-General F. H. SYKES (Chief of the Air Staff, R.A.F.) and Lieut. J. B. ROBINSON, R.A.F., had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on the morning of July 1st.

Lieut. SEDLEY WILLIAMS (Devonshire Regiment, attached

R.A.F.) had the honour of being received by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on July 10th.

A memorial service for Major JAMES ARTHUR, R.A.F. son of the late Mr. Thomas Glen Arthur and nephew of Sir Matthew Arthur (the new peer, who is taking the title of Lord Glenarthur), was held on July 4th, at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, when Princess Beatrice was represented by Mr. Victor Corkran.

Mr. W. H. ALLEN, chairman of W. H. Allen, Sons, and Co., engineers, Bedford, has sent a donation of £500 to the Bedford County Hospital in commemoration of the recent Royal visit to Bedford.

Under the will of Capt. GILBERT HENRY MILLAR, R.A.F., of Heathdown, Hampstead Heath, N.W., who was killed while flying on April 19th, £300 is left to the Warspite Training ship and £100 each to the National Lifeboat Institution and the Merchant Seamen's Orphanage. The will is proved at £5,946.

THE DEATH OF MAJOR McCUDDEN, V.C.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death of Maj. J. T. Byford McCudden, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., M.M., of the R.A.F., who was accidentally killed on July 9th while flying to France. It appears that he had flown from England to rejoin his squadron in France. He landed at a depôt, and having refilled his petrol tank restarted on his



The late Major James Byford McCudden, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., M.M., Croix de Guerre, of the R.A.F., who was accidentally killed in France on July 9th whilst proceeding to his squadron.

journey. He had not proceeded far, however, when his machine crashed to the ground and he was killed.

Maj. McCudden, who had only just been promoted major, was 23. He went out with the B.E.F. as an air mechanic, and was an observer at Mons. He became a flight-sergeant and won the Military Medal in September, 1916, for destroying an enemy machine and forcing two others to land. He was then given a commission, and in February, 1917, was awarded the Military Medal and in the following August was granted a bar. Three months later he was awarded the D.S.O. and a bar. Last March he was given the Victoria Cross, and a few days ago was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, while he had also received the French Croix

de Guerre. He had crashed 45 enemy aircraft, and in addition had driven down 13 whose fate was not quite certain.

He enlisted at 15 in his father's corps—the Royal Engineers—and transferred to the R.F.C. when he was 18. His eldest brother, Flight-Sergt. W. T. J. McCudden, was killed at Gosport in 1915. Another brother, Sec. Lieut. J. A. McCudden, R.F.C., has won the Military Cross, and his youngest brother is a boy in the R.A.F. at Farnborough.

BARON CARL CEDERSTRÖM.

In our last issue we had to record the death of the well-known Swedish aviator, Baron Cederström, when flying the Baltic. It is now reported from Copenhagen that the body has been found in the Aaland Sea and taken to Stockholm for burial. Baron Cederström, it was reported last week, accompanied by Capt. Krokstedt, chief of Cederström's flying school, was delivering a seaplane to Finland, flying across the Gulf of Bothnia. It is to be presumed that engine trouble forced



The late Carl Cederström, the well-known Swedish aviator, and manager of the Nordiska Aviatik Aktiebolag, Tellusborg, Sweden, who recently lost his life whilst flying the Baltic.