ON THE TIGRIS: One of the “Singapores” for No. 205 (F.B.) Squadron off Hinaidi. On board can be seen F.O. W. J. Hickey, Sqn. Ldr. A. F. Lang, M.B.E., and Mr. Oswald Short.

HONORARY SURGEON TO THE KING

The Air Ministry announces that the King has approved of the appointment of Air Comdre. Albert Victor John Richardson, O.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., as Honorary Surgeon to His Majesty, vice Air Vice-Marshal John McIntyre, C.B., M.C., M.B., B.Ch., who has vacated the appointment on retirement from the Royal Air Force.

Air Comdre. Richardson was commissioned in the Royal Navy, as a Surgeon, in 1908, and attained the rank of Surgeon Lt. Cdr., in 1914. In October, 1918, he became a temporary Major in the Medical Branch of the Royal Air Force, and was granted a permanent commission as Wing Commander in August of the following year. He was promoted to Group Captain in July, 1927, and to his present rank in January, 1934. During the War Air Comdre. Richardson served in France with the Royal Naval Air Service and received the O.B.E. in recognition of distinguished services during the War. During his service with the Royal Air Force he has held several posts as Principal Medical Officer, and since January, 1934, he has been Principal Medical Officer at the Royal Air Force Headquarters, Air Defence of Great Britain.

MOVE OF R.A.F. UNITS

No. 200 (Flying Boat) Squadron will move from Mount Batten to Felixstowe. The move is to be completed by May 1, 1935.

The Fleet Air Arm floatplane base for Nos. 47 (Fleet Fighter) and 444 (Fleet Spotter Reconnaissance) Flights will move from Lee-on-the-Solent to Mount Batten as soon as possible after May 1, 1935.

FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Sub. Lt. Nigel Radcliffe Atkinson is missing and believed to have been drowned, as the result of an accident which occurred off St. Catherine’s Point on March 5, 1935, to an “Osepey” aircraft of the Royal Air Force Base, Gosport.

A ROYAL AIR FORCE LIST

The March issue of the Air Force List has now been published. It can be purchased (price 2s. 6d.) from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; 2, York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew’s Crescent, Cardiff; 15, Donegall Square, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

EXTENSION OF OFFICERS’ SERVICE

The undermentioned officers have been selected for retention on the active list as indicated, in addition to those previously notified:

PERMANENT OFFICERS TO BE RETAINED TO AGE 45


MEDIUM SERVICE OFFICERS—SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO COMPLETION 11 YEARS


SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS—SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO COMPLETION 6 YEARS


AIRCRAFT APPRENTICES AND BOY ENTRANTS WANTED

The Air Ministry announces:

About 900 vacancies will occur in August, 1935, for well-educated boys to be trained as aircraft apprentices in the following skilled trades of the Royal Air Force:—Fitter, wireless operator, skydome, and instrument maker. Full particulars regarding entry and conditions of service may be obtained from the Secretary, Air Ministry.