



The play of light on the aircraft and the sea below give a particular appeal to this "Flight" photograph of Canberra B.6 light bombers of Nos. 109 and 139 Squadrons.

SERVICE AVIATION

Royal Air Force and Fleet Air Arm News

Air Commodore Appointments

TWO Air Commodore appointments are announced—G/C. Arthur Llewellyn Derry, C.B.E., as Director of Personnel (B) at Air Ministry, with acting rank of air commodore; and G/C. Melvin Kenneth Drowley Porter, C.B.E., as Chief Signals Officer, H.Q., Fighter Command, with acting rank of air commodore.

Air Commodore Derry was educated at Midland College, Leicester, and commissioned in 1925. At the outbreak of war he was at H.Q. Balloon Command and in 1944 was posted to H.Q. Allied Expeditionary Air Force. After service at Air H.Q., West Africa and H.Q., Reserve Command, he became a Deputy Director of Manning at Air Ministry in 1949 and in 1952 Chief Accounts Officer at H.Q., Far East Air Force. For the past year he has been Group Captain (Organization), H.Q., Home Command.

Air Commodore Porter was awarded a R.A.F. College cadetship in 1931 after training as an R.A.F. apprentice. After flying and signals duties he became Chief Signals Officer at H.Q., Balloon Command, and No. 11 (Fighter) Group early in the war, and later served at H.Q., No. 83 Group, H.Q., 2nd Tactical Air Force and

H.Q., Bomber Command. After duty at Air Ministry he went to the Middle East as Senior Technical Staff Officer, No. 205 Group, and returned two years later to command Air Signallers' Schools. Before going to Fighter Command he was Chief Signals Officer with the 2nd Tactical Air Force.

Royal Air Force Appointments

THE following are among recent Royal Air Force appointments announced by the Air Ministry:—

G/C. L. H. Anderson, to the War Office, for air staff duties; G/C. E. Knowles, M.B.E., to H.Q., Technical Training Command, for air staff duties; G/C. G. J. L. Read, A.F.C., to Air Ministry, for duty in the department of the Air Member for Personnel; G/C. E. A. Stockwell, to R.A.F. Halton, for administrative duties; G/C. B. S. Cartmel, O.B.E., to H.Q., Bomber Command, for administrative staff duties; G/C. C. F. Harrington, to Headquarters, No. 42 Group, for air staff duties; G/C. A. B. Holloway, C.B.E., to H.Q., 2nd Tactical Air Force, for administrative staff duties.

W/C. E. J. Andrews, O.B.E., to H.Q., Fighter Command, for technical staff duties; W/C. A. F. Binks, D.F.C., to R.A.F. West Malling, for flying duties; W/C. R. Brown, M.B.E., D.F.M., to Headquarters, Bomber

Command, for technical staff duties; W/C. R. G. Knott, D.S.O., D.F.C., to R.A.F. Little Rissington, for flying duties; W/C. J. L. Nunn, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Topcliffe, for flying duties; W/C. F. L. Petch, to Air Ministry, for duty in the department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization; W/C. A. K. Hunter, O.B.E., to No. 1 School of Technical Training, Halton, as Senior Technical Officer (with the acting rank of group captain); W/C. A. G. Conway, D.F.C., to the R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, for directing staff duties; W/C. J. E. S. Hill, D.S.O., to R.A.F. Horsham St. Faith, for flying duties; W/C. J. T. Main, O.B.E., to H.Q., Maintenance Command, for technical staff duties; W/C. P. N. Sowman, to H.Q., Far East Air Force, for administrative staff duties; W/C. E. B. Symonds, to Headquarters, Far East Air Force, for technical staff duties.

S/L. W. L. Farquharson, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Worksop, for flying duties (with the acting rank of wing commander); S/L. D. G. Roberts, M.B.E., M.M., to No. 20 (Field) Wing, R.A.F. Regiment, to command (with the acting rank of wing commander); S/L. B. J. Scandrett, A.F.C., to H.Q., Fighter Command, for air staff duties (with the acting rank of wing commander); S/L. W. T. Dunlop, to H.Q., Maintenance Command, for technical staff duties (with acting rank of wing commander); S/L. P. E. Mitchell, to the Royal Air Force Technical College, Henlow, for technical duties.