

## SERVICE AVIATION . . .

to Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle, Chief of the Air Staff, R.A.F. Two Vickers-Armstrongs Valiants, the first of the V-bombers to enter service, visited Australia last September.

### The Masefield Trophy

THE flying club of No. 47 Squadron, based at R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, Berks, has tied with the Cambridge Private Flying Group in the competition sponsored by the Popular Flying Association for the Masefield Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the most efficient group affiliated to the Association, and particular emphasis is placed on safety in flying operations. Seven clubs entered the competition. No. 47 Squadron will hold the trophy for six months, and the Cambridge Club for the remainder of the year.

No. 47 Squadron flying club was formed in 1954 and logged 340 hours' flying last year. This year its Tiger Moth has flown 160 hours to date. Piloted by the Squadron Commander (S/L. D. P. Boulnois) it has done well in the National air racing championship, its present placing being second. It is due to compete in the Kemsley Trophy race at Baginton on July 22. Many of the 30 club members are ground tradesmen, who take full advantage of the very low charge for flying instruction—27s 6d an hour. To date the club has trained 22 pupils to the "solo" flying stage, six having gained their private pilot's licence.

### R.A.F. College Association

WITH the object of strengthening the links between past and present members of the R.A.F. Flying College, a College association has been formed and A.V.-M. A. McKee has consented to become its first president.

Membership is open to all holders of the p.f.c. symbol and to staff officers who have been closely associated with the instructional work of the Flying College. The Association is particularly anxious to get in touch with American and Dominion officers, and with R.A.F. officers serving overseas who qualify for membership.

Further details can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, R.A.F. Flying College Association, Manby, near Louth, Lincs.

### Royal Air Force Appointments

THE following continues a list of Royal Air Force appointments announced by the Air Ministry:—

G/C. S. W. Needham to R.A.F. Quedgley, to command; G/C. J. B. Altham, C.B.E., to H.Q., No. 27 Group, for air staff duties; G/C.



A "Flight" photograph of the Blackburn and General Aircraft Beverley C.1 of No. 47 Squadron, R.A.F. Transport Command, which was recently the photographic vehicle for the pictures on pages 88-93. It is seen in company with a Javelin FAW.1 of No. 46 Squadron.

R. H. C. Brousson, O.B.E., to H.Q., No. 61 Group, for technical staff duties (retaining the acting rank of group captain).

W/C. L. D. Mavor, A.F.C., to the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, for directing staff duties (with acting rank of group captain); W/C. F. H. Shutt to R.A.F. Stafford, to command (with acting rank of group captain); W/C. J. J. K. Fleetwood, D.S.O., to R.A.F. Topcliffe, for flying duties; W/C. A. M. Montagu-Smith to H.Q., No. 22 Group, for administrative staff duties; W/C. M. Booth, D.F.C., to Ministry of Supply; W/C. N. Cameron, D.S.O., D.F.C., to command University of London Air Squadron; W/C. I. J. Spencer, D.F.C., to H.Q., 2nd Tactical Air Force, for air staff duties; W/C. C. H. Baker to H.Q., Home Command, for air staff duties; W/C. G. A. Fricker to Ministry of Supply; W/C. G. J. Symonds to H.Q., Home Command, for air staff duties; W/C. A. Ruda to Air Ministry, for duty in the Department of the Air Member for Personnel.

W/C. P. H. Legg to H.Q., Middle East Air Force, for administrative staff duties (with the acting rank of group captain); W/C. R. A. Roy, O.B.E., to H.Q., No. 13 Group, for technical staff duties (with the acting rank of group captain); W/C. J. O. Barnard, O.B.E., to H.Q., Transport Command, for air staff duties; W/C. I. B. Butler, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Wunstorf, for flying duties; W/C. G. Goodman, M.B.E., D.F.C., to Ministry of Supply; W/C. E. James, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. West Raynham, for flying duties; W/C. I. G. MacKay to H.Q., Allied Air Forces Northern Europe, for staff duties; W/C. R. R. Mitchell, M.B.E., D.F.C., to R.A.F. Acklington, for administrative duties; W/C. T. R. Pierce to R.A.F. Watton, for flying duties.

W/C. A. G. Sollis to H.Q., No. 23 Group, for technical staff duties; W/C. R. F. Sparrow to H.Q., Allied Air Forces Central Europe, for

staff duties; W/C. E. W. Tacon, D.S.O., M.V.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., to Air Ministry for duty in the Department of the Air Member for Personnel; W/C. G. H. Wass to H.Q., Maintenance Command, for technical staff duties; W/C. P. A. McWhannell, O.B.E., to R.A.F. Kenley, to command; W/C. V. C. Woodward, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Jever, for flying duties; W/C. H. F. White, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Odiham, for flying duties; W/C. G. L. O'Hanlon, M.B.E., to Air Ministry, for duty in the Department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization (with acting rank of group captain); W/C. R. P. Burton, M.B.E., to R.A.F. Felixstowe, to command; W/C. B. J. Bushe-Caryesford to No. 4 M.T. Squadron, R.A.F. Kidbrooke, to command; W/C. H. C. Fleming to H.Q., Home Command, for administrative staff duties; W/C. G. L. Smith to H.Q., Provost and Security Services, for administrative staff duties (retaining acting rank of wing commander).

### Reunions

THE reunion dinner of No. 115 Sqn. Association will be held at 7 p.m. on October 20 at Letley's Restaurant, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2. Dress will be lounge suits; lady guests will be welcome and tickets will cost about 15s 6d. Details from Mr. P. G. Williams, 111 Burton Road, London, S.W.9.

### Squadron Tie

A SQUADRON tie for No. 96 Sqn. is now available at a cost of 16s 6d on application to the Adjutant, No. 96 Sqn., Royal Air Force Ahlhorn, B.A.O.R. 25, Germany.

Scottish Aviation Prestwick Pioneers of No. 267 Squadron, R.A.F., assembled in Malaya. The Pioneer Flight of the squadron is commanded by S/L. M. I. Hamilton, D.F.C. No. 267 Squadron operates five different types of aircraft and is itself commanded by S/L. T. W. G. Godfrey, D.F.C.

