

SERVICE AVIATION

Royal Air Force and Fleet Air Arm News

R.Aux.A.F. Salute

WHEN the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh came to Leith harbour in the Royal Yacht *Britannia* last Sunday, four Vampires of No. 603 (City of Edinburgh) Sqn., R.Aux.A.F., flew past in salute. The Queen is the squadron's Honorary Air Commodore.

Senior Appointments

THE Air Ministry announces the appointment of A.V.-M. P. B. L. Potter to be Director General of R.A.F. Medical Services, with the acting rank of air marshal, with effect from February next year, in succession to Air Marshal Sir James Kilpatrick, who will be retiring.

A. Cdre. J. Worrall is appointed A.O.A. at H.Q. Flying Training Command with effect from August 20 with the acting rank of air vice-marshal.

A. Cdre. G. A. M. Knight is to be Principal Medical Officer, 2nd T.A.F., with effect from September 10, and A. Cdre. L. M. Corbet is to be Deputy Director of Medical Services at Air Ministry with effect from October 1.

A.V.-M. Sir Hazelton Nicholl

WE regret to record the death last week of A.V.-M. Sir Hazelton R. Nicholl, Controller of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. He served from 1899 to 1902 in the London Scottish Volunteers and then in the South Rhodesia Volunteers. In 1915 he qualified as a pilot at Brooklands, joined the R.F.C. and served with Nos. 8, 84, 86 and 110 Sqns., commanding the last-named unit. After World War I he was granted a permanent commission and in 1926 took command of No. 70 (Bomber) Sqn. at Hinaidi. Three years later he was promoted C.B.E. for his services there in connection with the operations against the Akhwan in the

Congratulated by A.V.-M. G. P. Chamberlain and the German Ambassador, Herr von Herwarth, are the German pilots who received their wings after training with the R.A.F., Maj. W. G. Krupinski, Lt-Col. H. A. H. Wehnelt and Maj. G. F. Barkhorn.



Southern Desert. Then he became Deputy Director first of Training, then of Personal Services, then of Manning. In 1935 he was lent to the Australian Government and served as Air Member for Personnel on the Air Board of the R.A.A.F. He was appointed A.O.C. in the Middle East in 1938, until he was succeeded by Air Marshal Sir William Mitchell when the appointment was raised to that of A.O.C-in-C. After serving as A.O.A. Fighter Command, he retired in 1942 and joined B.O.A.C. for a period.

R.A.F. at Gardermoen

HUNTERS and Canberras took part, with aircraft from Norway, Sweden and America, in the annual Norwegian air show at Gardermoen, near Oslo, on August 19. In spite of a downpour, which prevented the rendering of an opening sonic boom, the Hunters and Canberras are reported to have acquitted themselves well.

New Bishop for the Forces

A NEW bishop has been appointed to take over the duties of the Right Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, now Bishop of Coventry, as the Archbishop of Canter-

bury's episcopal representative with the Forces. He is the Rev. S. Betts, vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, who will become suffragan bishop of Maidstone. This bishopric has been vacant for ten years and has been revived specially for the purpose.

No. 155 Sqn. Airlift

NINE Whirlwinds of No. 155 Sqn. in Malaya recently lifted 355 troops and 5,100 lb of cargo into jungle clearings during a three-day anti-terrorist operation on the Malaya/Thailand border. More than 200 sorties were flown from Kuala Lumpur on to rapidly prepared bamboo-platform landing sites in swampy areas.

Tour de l'R.A.F.

THE five-day R.A.F. cycle race over a 467-mile route from R.A.F. Wilmslow to R.A.F. Abingdon ended last Friday in victory for L.A./C. L. Gill of Cosford, who was riding for Technical Training Command. Second was S.A./C. I. Sandbach, with L.A./C. J. Warren a close third. The team championship was won by Technical Training Command and the rider gaining most points for climbing selected hills during the race was S.A./C. I. Sandbach, who is stationed at R.A.F. Stafford.

The race was organized in much the same way as major continental events, with the winner of each day's run wearing a distinctive jersey the next day. Night stops were made at R.A.F. stations.

R.A.F. Lawn Tennis Victory

THE R.A.F. achieved an overwhelming victory in the Services lawn tennis championship at Wimbledon last week, winning 12 matches. The Army came second with four wins and the Navy third with two. In the women's championships the W.R.A.F. came third.

Royal Visit Standard Bearer

IN a caption to an Air Ministry photograph of the Queen presenting a standard to No. 207 Sqn. (published on August 3, page 178), the name of the Standard-bearer was given as F/O. R. C. Havers, according to official information. We now learn that this should have read F/O. R. C. Haven.

Reunion

THE M.R.E.S. Officers' eighth reunion will take the form of a dinner to be held on October 27. Particulars from S/L. P. E. Laughton-Bramley, M.B.E., 18A Cadogan Place, London, S.W.1.

On several occasions in recent months U.S. Naval aircraft have landed on British carriers to gain experience of the mirror sight, now officially called Optical Glide-Path Indicator. Here a Grumman F9F Cougar from U.S.S. "Intrepid" makes a "touch and go" aboard H.M.S. "Eagle" in the Mediterranean during the recent Exercise Maltex.

