

New CAS Appointed Curtis Replaces Leckie



A/M W. A. Curtis, new RCAF chief of Air Staff.

RCAF headquarters has announced the retirement of Air Marshal Robert S. Leckie, Chief of Air Staff. Following a short period of leave, the air marshal is expected to take up an important liaison post with the Air Cadet League of Canada.

The new CAS is Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, formerly Air Member for Air Plans. His position has been filled by A/V/M A. L. Morfee, former AOC, Eastern Air Command, who was posted to Ottawa early this year when the RCAF's five commands were reduced to two.

Aged 54, A/M Curtis started his service career in the Army in 1915, transferring

later to the Royal Naval Air Service where he reached the rank of flight commander before 1918. He was awarded the D.S.C. and Bar during that war. For some years he served in the Toronto Scottish Regiment before becoming the commanding officer of 110 Auxiliary Squadron in Toronto.

As a W/C, he was called up for regular service in September 1939, becoming successively Director of Postings and Records, AF HQ, Ottawa; Commanding Officer No. 2 Service Flying Training School; Director of Air Force Manning and then Deputy C in C, RCAF Overseas.

On his return to Canada he became Air Member for Air Staff and later Air Member for Air Plans. His decorations include C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C. and Efficiency Decoration.

He was one of the founders of the Toronto Flying Club and was its president for three years.

French Government Decorates RCAF Men

RCAF HQ have announced awards for meritorious service granted by the Government of France to RCAF personnel. Among the many are:

Commander of the Legion of Honor: A/M Robert Leckie, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., of Ottawa.

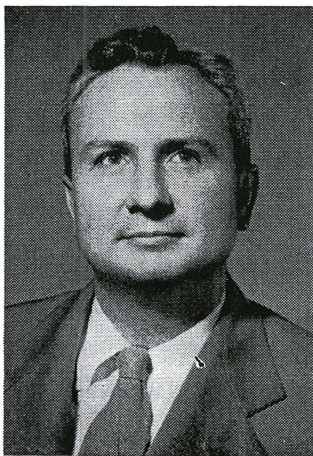
Officer of the Legion of Honor: A/V/M J. L. E. A. de Niverville, C.B., of Outremont.

Promoted by American Airlines



MURRAY STAINTON

Appointment of F. J. "Jack" Robinson as manager of agencies for the eastern region of American Airlines, with headquarters in New York, has been announced. For the past six years he has been Canadian Sales Manager for the airline with headquarters at Toronto. He is succeeded in the latter position by Murray Stainton who was Regional Director of International Passenger Sales at New York.



F. J. ROBINSON

Commander of the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm: A/C/M L. S. Breadner, C.B., D.S.C., of Kirks Ferry.

Officer of the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm: A/M H. Edwards, C.B., Ottawa; A/V/M N. R. Anderson, C.B., Ottawa.

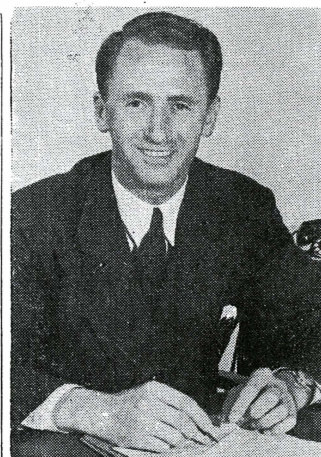
Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm: A/M W. A. Curtis, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., E.D., Toronto; A/V/M G. E. Brookes, C.B., O.B.E., Toronto; A/V/M A. Raymond, C.B.E., Montreal; A/V/M C. R. Slemmon, C.B., C.B.E., Ottawa; A/C J. E. Fauquier, D.S.O., D.S.C., Toronto; G/C Paul Y. Davoud, O.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., T.C.A., Winnipeg; W/C L. V. Chadburn, D.S.O., D.F.C., Aurora, Posthumous; S/L R. W. McNair, D.S.O., D.F.C., Ottawa.

RCAF H.Q. also announces the award of the Croix de Guerre to 48 other officers and men of the RCAF.



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Stuart Graham, Supt. of Air Regs. in the D.O.T. at Ottawa, who has been elected chairman of the Air Navigation Committee of ICAO at Montreal.



CANADAIR APPOINTMENT

Roger Lewis, who has been appointed general sales manager of Canadair Ltd., Montreal. During the war, he directed purchases for Lockheed where he became assistant sales manager.

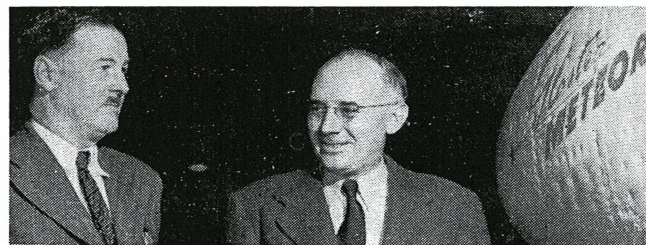
Edmundston Airport Company Incorporated

Four veteran airmen of Edmundston, N.B., H. H. Harvey, Paul E. Bourgoin, H. R. Larlee, and G. T. Matheson, incorporated as Republic Air Services Ltd., have acquired a lease on the property recently bought by the town of Edmundston.

The new company will operate a charter service, school and a sales and servicing organization at this class 2 airport.

Ownership Change Cranbrook Air Company

Cranbrook Flying Services, started and run by Don Revie, has now been incorporated and sold. Paul Fanning, former RCAF pilot, remains as general manager and has, in addition to the two Piper Cub Supercruisers, a new Stinson, 4-place, station wagon.



VISITOR FROM ENGLAND. Director and general manager of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Ltd., Herbert M. Woodhams, left, is seen with Walter N. Deisher, general manager of A. V. Roe, Canada Ltd. at the CNE Hawker Siddeley Aircraft display.