

THE LEADERS . . .

they show the way

Hon. Brooke Claxton, KC, BCL, DCM

Born in 1898 at Montreal. Received education at Lower Canada College and McGill. After one year at McGill enlisted at age of 17 in RCA as private. Rose to battery sergeant-major in one year and was awarded the DCM. Following war returned to McGill and graduated with honors in 1921 as Bachelor of Civil Laws. Practised law in province of Quebec with Montreal firm of Stairs, Dixon, Claxton, Senecal & Turnbull, and was part term associate professor of Commercial Law, McGill, until 1944. Appointed KC in 1939. Elected to House of Commons in 1940 and re-elected in 1945. Named as assistant to the President of Privy Council in 1943. Became Minister of National Health & Welfare late in 1944. On December 12, 1946, took over Department of National Defence.

Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSC, ED, LLD

Now 58. Born at Havelock, Ont. Educated in Toronto, left school in 1915 to join Army. Won a commission then learned to fly at own expense at Curtiss Flying School, near Toronto. In 1916, transferred to RNAS and served as fighter pilot. Awarded DSC and Bar for distinguished service on operations. Invalided home in 1918. Served in reserve Army and reserve Air Force. Helped found Toronto Flying Club. Assisted in organizing 110 Auxiliary Squadron, RCAF, at Toronto, Hamilton, and London. Was in business between wars and at time of call-up for regular duty at outbreak of war, was president of W. A. Curtis Insurance Co., Toronto. Served in numerous posts in Canada then posted overseas in 1941 as Deputy Commander in Chief. On return to Canada in 1944 became Air Member for Air Staff and later Air Member for Air Plans. In 1947 succeeded Air Marshal Robert Leckie as Chief of the Air Staff.

Air Vice Marshal F. R. Miller, CBE

Born at Kamloops, B.C., 43 years

ago. Graduated B.Sc. in civil engineering from University of Alberta. Joined RCAF in 1931 and served in various flying, training, and administrative capacities up till and following outbreak of war. Positions included Director of Training Plans & Requirements, and Director of Training. Overseas in 1944 as Station Commander with Canadian Bomber Group, later Base Commander. On return to Canada in 1945 became Chief Staff Officer of Air Materiel Command and later AOC. Appointed Air Member, Operations & Training, September, 1949. Named Vice Chief of Air Staff on August 1, 1951.

Air Vice Marshal C. R. Slemon, CB, CBE

One of Service's five originals. Born in Winnipeg in 1904. Is graduate of University of Manitoba. In 1923 joined non-professional Canadian Air Force. Commissioned in newly-formed RCAF in 1924 and became first Air Force pilot to get wings in Canada after the war. Attended RAF Staff College, returning to Canada in 1939. Headed Western Air Command then became Director of Operations at AFHQ. Went overseas in 1942 to help organize All-Canadian Bomber Group. Was Senior Air Staff Officer of Group from January, 1943, until September, 1944. Later assumed duties of Deputy AOC in Chief of the RCAF Overseas. In late 1945 became Air Member for Supply & Organization, and in 1947, Air Member for Operations & Training. Has been AOC, Training Command, since September, 1949.

Air Vice Marshal A. L. James, CBE, CD

Joined RCAF July, 1924, few months after its creation. Born Montreal in 1904. Graduated McGill as B.Sc. in civil engineering before enlisting. Flew on northern operations and as test pilot till 1929. Took post graduate aeronautical studies at Imperial College of Science & Technology

in U.K. Attended RAF Staff College, 1936. After war's beginning served in a number of training posts then named to Canadian Joint Staff at Washington in 1942. In 1943 became Director of Organization. Named Air Member for Technical Services in 1945. Was intimately connected with development of CF-100. Became Air Member for Air Plans at AFHQ late in 1949. Also appointed to Permanent Joint Board on Defence as the Air Member. Keen sportsman, played with Ottawa Roughriders 1924-25. Became AOC, Air Defence Command, August 1, 1951.

Air Vice Marshal Ralph E. McBurney, CBE

Born at Montreal, 1906. Educated at Saskatoon and Winnipeg, attending both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Manitoba. Is a graduate electrical engineer. Joined the permanent RCAF in 1927 after three years as a provisional pilot officer. Stationed for a considerable period at Winnipeg, taking part in routine flying and administrative duties of peacetime RCAF. In 1943 assumed command of RCAF Station Trenton. Overseas in November of same year to command heavy conversion unit of 6 (RCAF) Group. Later commanded all Canadian conversion units. Also served as Senior Air Staff Officer, Bomber Group. Held a number of high administrative posts since the war and is now AOC, Air Materiel Command.

Air Vice Marshal F. G. Wait, CBE

Now 47. Born and received early education in Ottawa. Joined RCAF in 1924 after graduation from RMC. Attended McGill 1926-27 and received B.Sc. At war's outbreak was Director of Staff Duties at AFHQ, later becoming Director of Personnel. Held various training posts then overseas in 1942 as Director of Personnel at Overseas HQ in London. Named Director of Administration Overseas in 1943, and a year later took command of an



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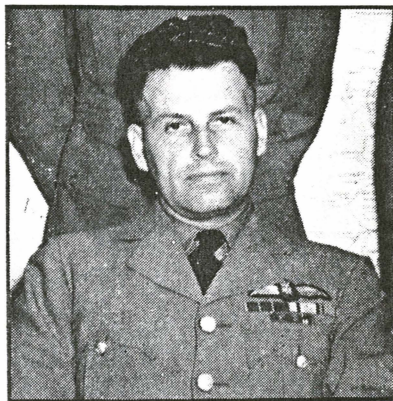
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A/V/M A. L. JAMES



A/V/M C. R. SLEMON



A/V/M RALPH McBURNEY



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A/V/M D. M. SMITH



A/V/M F. R. MILLER



A/V/M HUGH CAMPBELL



A/V/M F. G. WAIT



A/C ROBERT RIPLEY

RCAF Bomber Group base. Returned to Canada in 1944 and held a number of high administrative posts. Appointed Deputy Air Member for Personnel late in 1949 and Air Member for Personnel in September, 1951.

Air Vice Marshal J. L. Plant, CBE, AFC

Born 1910 in Wales. Educated in B.C., graduating B.Sc. from the University of B.C. Joined RCAF regular force in 1931. Had typical pre-war career of flying, training and administrative posts. After war started served on transport and training duties. Went overseas to command No. 413 Coastal Command Squadron, which went to Ceylon. Returned to U.K. in 1942 and commanded two RCAF stations in No. 6 (RCAF) Bomber Group. Returned to Canada in 1943 as Deputy Air Member for Air Staff (Plans). Since then has commanded successively No. 9 Transport Group, and Western Air Command. Became Air Member for Personnel in 1947, and in August, 1951, was named Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel & Logistics to the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Air Forces in Central Europe.

Air Vice Marshal C. R. Dunlap, CBE

Born at Sydney Mines, N.S., in 1908. Attended University of Acadia and Nova Scotia Technical College, receiving B.Sc. in electrical engineering. Commissioned pilot officer in RCAF in 1928. Specialized in air armament and at war's start was Director of Armament. Posted overseas in 1942, commanding wings in North Africa and Europe. Flew 35 operational trips in Europe. Commanded a base in the Canadian Bomber Group in the U.K., then returned to Canada in 1945 to become Deputy Air Member for Air Staff. Represented RCAF at Bikini atomic bomb tests. Since then has been Air Member for Air Plans, and AOC North West Air Command. Is now Commandant of the National Defence College.

Air Vice Marshal D. M. Smith, CBE

Born New Westminster, 1911. Graduated in mechanical engineering from University of British Columbia. Joined RCAF in 1934. After duty at AFHQ was posted overseas to form and command 414 Fight-Reconnaissance Squadron. Later attended RAF Staff College, then formed and com-

manded 39 Reconnaissance Wing. Returned to Canada in 1944 and became chief staff officer at Western Air Command HQ. In 1946 became assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff. Later attended Imperial Defence College. In 1948 became Deputy Air Member for Technical Services and in November, 1949, Air Member for Technical Services.

Air Vice Marshal Hugh L. Campbell, OBE

Now 40. Born at Salisbury, N.B. Graduated from University of New Brunswick with B.Sc. Joined permanent RCAF in 1931 and carried out flying and administrative duties at 14 different stations prior to war. In 1939 became Director of Training Plans. Proceeded overseas in 1942 to serve with Desert Air Force in Middle East and Italy. Returned to Canada in 1945 to become Assistant Chief of the Air Staff and later Air Member for Personnel. Attended the Imperial Defence College, 1947-49, then became AOC, North West Air Command. In October, 1949, was sent to Washington as Chairman, Canadian Joint Liaison Staffs, and Canadian representative to the standing group of the Military Committee on the North Atlantic Pact.

Air Commodore Robert C. Ripley, OBE

Born at Lethbridge, Alberta, in 1913 and educated at RMC. Joined RCAF in 1935 and served at Vancouver and Trenton. During early war years served in various senior positions throughout Canada. Named Director of Air Operations in 1944. After war was on the RCAF's Post War Planning Committee and in 1945 was named Director of Selection & Manning. Later became assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff. Became AOC Air Transport Command, August, 1951.

Air Commodore A. D. Ross, GC, OBE

Now 42. Born in Winnipeg and educated at Upper Canada College and RMC. Joined RCAF in 1928. After war's start commanded an east coast squadron on anti-submarine duties. Overseas from 1942-45. While overseas helped rescue two men from a crashed and burning bomber. Lost right hand when bombs on burning plane exploded. Received George Cross for this action. Was commandant of

RCAF Staff College from 1945 till 1948, then took over Air Transport Command. In July, 1951, was named AOC Maritime Group.

Air Commodore John G. Kerr, CBE, AFC

Born in Arnprior, Ont., 1909. Educated in Ottawa and at RMC, specializing in civil engineering. Joined RCAF in 1931. During first war years was actively associated with opening BCATP schools. Proceeded overseas in 1944 to command a number of operational and advanced training units in the U.K. Returned to Canada in 1945. Since then served as Chief Staff Officer, No. 1 Air Command (now Training Command) and Deputy Air Member for Operations & Training. Recently named AOC Tactical Air Group, prior to which attended Imperial Defence College.

Air Commodore Joseph L. Hurley, CBE

Born in Fredericton, N.B., in 1907. Graduated with B.Sc., University of N.B. Joined RCAF in 1931. Just prior to war took a course in aeronautical engineering in the U.K. Before going overseas, served with No. 1 Training Command and at AFHQ. Overseas was with No. 6 (RCAF) Group as Station Commander and later in charge of an Operational Base comprising three bomber stations. Back in Canada, served as Chief Staff Officer of North West Air Command, then back to the U.K. as Air Member, Canadian Joint Staff. In August, 1951, became Commandant of RCAF Staff College.

Air Commodore Martin Costello, CBE, CD

Born 1904 at Alexandria, Ont. Joined RCAF on graduation from RMC in 1928. Before war served on Northern operations and spent two years on exchange duties with RAF, serving in the U.K., Gibraltar and Singapore. Graduated from RAF Staff College in 1938. Back in Canada as Senior Staff Officer of Eastern Air Command, then overseas again in 1943 as CO of an RAF Coastal Command station in Northern Ireland. Returned to Canada in 1945 to become Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff. In 1947 became Tactical Group Commander at Winnipeg. Recently transferred to the U.K. as Air Member at the Canadian Joint Staff.

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Air Force Organization

Here, at a glance, are the main subdivisions of the organization of the Royal Canadian Air Force, together with their respective Air Officers Commanding and the Headquarters to which each is responsible.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
Honorable Brooke Claxton, KC, BCL, DCM,

CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF
Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSC, ED, LLD,

AIR DEFENCE COMMAND
Air Vice Marshal A. L. James, CBE, CD,
Air Officer Commanding
Headquarters at St. Hubert, P.Q.
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

TRAINING COMMAND
Air Vice Marshal C. R. Slemon, CB, CBE,
Air Officer Commanding
Headquarters at Trenton, Ontario
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Air Vice Marshal Ralph E. McBurney, CBE,
Air Officer Commanding
Headquarters at Ottawa
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
Air Commodore Robert C. Ripley, OBE,
Air Officer Commanding
Headquarters at Lachine, P.Q.
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

12 AIR DEFENCE GROUP
Air Commodore R. C. Gordon, CBE,
Group Commander
Headquarters at Vancouver, B.C.
(responsible to Air Defence Command HQ), St. Hubert, P.Q.)

TACTICAL AIR GROUP
Air Commodore, John G. Kerr, CBE, AFC,
Group Commander
Headquarters at Edmonton, Alberta
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

14 TRAINING GROUP
Air Commodore J. G. Bryans, CBE, Group Commander
Headquarters at Winnipeg, Manitoba
(responsible to Training Command HQ, Trenton, Ontario)

MARITIME GROUP
Air Commodore A. D. Ross, GC, OBE,
Group Commander
Headquarters at Halifax, Nova Scotia
(directly responsible to AFHQ, Ottawa)

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Air Commodore R. C. Gordon, CBE

Now 47. Born at Rome, Minnesota and came to Canada as a boy. Graduated a B.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan. Gained pilot's wings in 1928, later becoming an outstanding aerial photographic expert. In 1937 went to the U.K. on an exchange posting and served two years with the RAF Bomber Command. In 1943 took command of a bomber station in No. 6 Group in the U.K. Since returning to Canada has been Deputy Air Member for Organization, AOC North West Air Command, Air Member for the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington, and Group Commander, Maritime Group. In August, 1951, became Group Commander, 12 Air Defence Group.

Air Commodore J. G. Bryans, CBE

Born at Kenora, Ontario, 1906. Graduated as mechanical engineer from University of Saskatchewan then joined RCAF in 1929. In 1941 became Air Attache at Washington, and in 1942, CO of RCAF Station, Rockcliffe. Served overseas from 1943 till end of war, first as a No. 6 (RCAF) Group Base Commander, later as Chief Staff Officer at No. 6 Group HQ. On return to Canada became Director of Construction Engineering. Since then has been Deputy Air Member for Technical Services (Maintenance), a student at the Imperial Defence College, and Deputy Member for Air Plans (0). In September, 1951, became Group Commander, No. 14 Training Group.

Air Commodore L. E. Wray, OBE, AFC

Now 42. Born at Toronto. Joined the RCAF in 1930 after graduation from RMC. Overseas in 1943 to take command of an RCAF station in No. 6 (RCAF) Group. Shot down and taken prisoner on third trip. As senior allied officer in prison camp, worked tirelessly to improve conditions with "utter disregard for his own safety", according to official reports. For this and way in which he "stood up" to German captors on behalf of other prisoners on the long march to Lubeck just before the enemy collapsed in 1945, he received the OBE. Since the war, served as AOC Transport Command, and Commandant of RCAF Staff College. On August 15 became Deputy Air Member for Personnel.