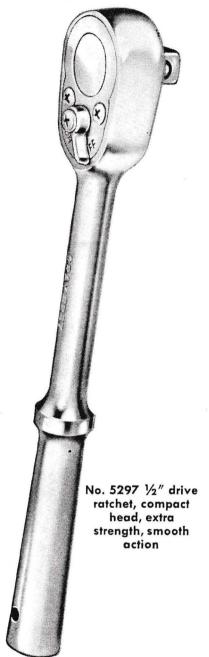
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between Vancouver and Japan, having begun its charter operations shortly after the RCAF's first flight on July 27, 1950."

Postings & Careers

•Wing Commander Harold Smith, DFC, formerly officer commanding 408 Photographic Squadron at Rockcliffe, Ontario, has been transferred to No. 1 Air Division HQ at Metz, France, as senior personnel staff officer. He has been succeeded at Rockcliffe by Wing Commander J. G. Showler, AFC, formerly chief administrative officer at RCAF Station Goose Bay.

•Wing Commander C. H. Mussells, DSO, DSC, OBE, has been appointed commanding officer of Central Flying School at RCAF Station Trenton. W/C Mussells has most recently been senior personnel staff officer at Air Transport Command HQ, Lachine, P.Q., and is also well known for his work as C/O of 426 Squadron during its first year of operations on the Pacific airlift.

- •Lieutenant-Commander J. W. Roberts, formerly commanding officer of the RCN's 30th Carrier Air Group, has been named commander of the HMCS Buckingham, a modernized frigate which was commissioned June 1.
- •Lieutenant Commander D. W. Knox, formerly commanding officer of the 31st Support Air Group, has been named executive officer of the HMCS Buckingham.

CF-100 Units to Comox

A B.C. news report says that two CF-100 squadrons are scheduled to arrive at RCAF Station Comox, Vancouver Island, in August. The report says that two hangars to accommodate the aircraft are now under construction and that the arrival of the squadrons will increase the number of personnel at the base from 900 to 1,500.

Canadian-U.K. Co-op

Following the recent visit to Canada of the Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, U.K. Minister of Supply, a joint statement was issued by him and Canada's Defence Minister Brooke Claxton. The statement said, in part:

"... Talks provided an opportunity for a general exchange of views on defence matters affecting the two countries, with special reference to the problem of defence production and of acronautical and weapon research.

"Among other subjects, the Minis-

ters discussed the supply of equipment required by Canada from the U.K.

"The arrangements for co-operation in scientific and technical development were reviewed, and methods for securing a still closer integration of the defence research programs of the two countries were discussed, with particular reference to aircraft and air-to-air guided weapons."

RCAFA Convention

Held May 17 and 18 at Ottawa, the fourth annual convention of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association reelected Air Vice Marshal G. E. Brookes, CB, CBE, as national president and Air Vice Marshal A. L. Morfee as grand president.

More than 125 delegates, representing 85 wings across Canada, attended the meet. Chief item of discussion was proposed expansion of membership from its present 18,000 to 25,000. The Edmonton Wing also suggested that the RCAF organize a flying team of high speed aircraft expressly for the purpose of touring Canadian fairs and exhibitions. The Lethbridge delegation proposed that the RCAF continue to give flying training to former air cadets who had reached private pilot standard under the air cadet training plan conducted at flying clubs.

Jet Accident Rate

The RCAF's rate of fatal accidents in jet aircraft is lower than the comparable rate in piston-engined aircraft, Defence Minister told Commons May 21, in answer to a question from F. D. Shaw (Social Credit, Red Deer).

Said Mr. Claxton: "The fatal accident rate for jet aircraft flown by the RCAF is lower than from conventional types. What is more, the total fatal accident rate for the RCAF is lower than that for the USAF or for the RAF. It is lower for 1953 than for 1952."

COMING EVENTS

July 29-30—Webster Trophy Dominion Finals, B.C. Aero Club, Langley Prairie.

August 9-11—IAS Sponsored Turbine-Powered Air Transportation Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

September 19-21—Internationl N.W. Aviation Council Conference, Vancouver.

November 8-10—AITA Annual Meeting, Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City.

November 14-17—Annual Meeting, Aviation Distributors & Manufacturers Assoc, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.