

D.F.C., A.F.C., E. D. Atkinson, D.F.C., A.F.C., and C. N. Lowe, M.C., D.F.C. In November, 1926, the squadron was withdrawn from the Iraq Command. Some of the personnel were distributed among other units in the Command, while the rest returned to Tangmere to form part of the reorganised No. 1 (Fighter) Squadron. On March 21, 1927, Flt. Lt. F. L. Luxmoore was given the command. The squadron was equipped with "Siskins," until February, 1932, when it received its present equipment of "Furies." Subsequent C.O.'s were Sqd. Ldrs. E. D. Atkinson, D.F.C., A.F.C., S. F. Vincent, A.F.C., E. O. Grenfell again, and the present C.O., Sqd. Ldr. C. B. S. Spackman, D.F.C.

That the squadron still keeps up its very high standard of efficiency was amply apparent to those who saw its "flight rolls" with wing tips looped together at the Andover Display and at Hendon this year. Those of our readers who were not so fortunate as to be present at either of those functions may form a good opinion of the flying quality of the squadron from the series of photographs taken by FLIGHT's chief photographer to illustrate this article.

**Royal Air Force Squadrons**

Other descriptive articles concerning the work of various R.A.F. Squadrons, etc., have been published in FLIGHT as follow:—

- H.M. Aircraft Carrier *Glorious*. May 16, 1930.
- No. 4 (Army Co-operation), South Farnborough; No. 17 (Fighter), Upavon; and No. 33 (Bomber), Eastchurch. June 27, 1930.
- No. 601 (County of London) (B.) Sq., A.A.F. (at Lympe). August 15, 1930.
- No. 43 (Fighter) Sq. (Tangmere). September 19, 1930.
- No. 2 (Army Co-operation) Sq. (Manston). December 19, 1930.
- No. 101 (Bomber) Sq. (Andover). April 24, 1931.
- Nos. 240 and 209 (Flying-Boat) Sq. (Mount Batten). June 12, 1931.
- "1890-1912-1931." (An outline of the Growth of the R.A.F.) June 26, 1931.
- Cambridge University Air Sq. (at Old Sarum). July 10, 1931.
- Central Flying School (Wittering). July 17, 1931.
- Submarine Aircraft Carrier "M.2." July 31, 1931.
- Oxford University Air Sq. (at Eastchurch). August 7, 1931.
- No. 600 (City of London) (Bomber) Sq., A.A.F. (at Tangmere). August 21, 1931.
- No. 605 (County of Warwick) (Bomber) Sq. (Cas. Bromwich). April 1, 1932.
- No. 40 (Bomber) Sq. (Upper Heyford). May 13, 1932.
- Nos. 7 and 58 (Bomber) Sq. (Worthy Down). June 10, 1932.
- A visit to H.M.S. *Exeter* of 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet. June 17, 1932.
- Oxford University Air Sq. (Eastchurch). July 22, 1932.
- Cambridge University Air Sq. (Netheravon). August 5, 1932.
- No. 1 Air Defence Group (A.A.F. and Cadre Sqs.). August 12, 1932.
- No. 100 (Bomber) Sq. (Donibristle). August 19, 1932.
- Scotland's Auxiliaries; No. 602 (City of Glasgow) (Bomber) Sq. and No. 603 (City of Edinburgh) (Bomber) Sq. September 16, 1932.
- London's Auxiliaries; Nos. 600, 601, and 604 B. Sq. October 20, 1932.
- No. 25 (Fighter) Sq. (Hawkinge). December 8, 1932.
- No. 19 (Fighter) Sq., Duxford. January 5, 1933.
- Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. *Courageous*. January 12, 1933.
- Lee-on-Solent. February 9, 1933.
- No. 23 (Fighter) Squadron. March 2, 1933.
- Gosport. The Fleet Air Arm Base. March 30, 1933.
- Larkhill. R.A.F. Balloon Centre. June 8, 1933.
- The R.A.F. Staff College, Andover. July 20, 1933.
- No. 99 (Bomber) Sq., Upper Heyford. August 3, 1933.
- No. 26 (Army Co-operation) Sq., Catterick. August 10, 1933.
- No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham. August 17, 1933.



# Airisms from the Four Winds

**R.A.F. Flying Boats in Finland**

As was reported in FLIGHT last week, four "Southampton" flying boats (two "Lion V" engines), of No. 204 (Flying Boat) Squadron, left Mount Batten on Monday, August 28, for Helsingfors. On Thursday, August 31, one of the flying boats was forced down on the water off the Helder in North Holland; another machine alighted alongside. The defect was soon remedied, but the sea was too rough for the flying boats to take off. The two other machines continued their journey, and arrived at Esbjerg in Holland. On the same day three of the boats arrived at Copenhagen. On Saturday, September 2, they arrived at Helsingfors after having been delayed by bad weather; the fourth boat turned up the next day.

**The Mollisons' Flight**

THE De Havilland works are rushing through the new "Dragon" which Lord Wakefield has presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mollison. It is hoped that this machine, to be called *Seafarer II*, will be ready to be shipped to America on Friday, September 8, on the Canadian Pacific liner *Duchess of York*. Mr. Mollison will travel on the same boat. The attempt on the long-distance record, which the Mollisons hope to make, will be from Canada, and not from the United States. *Seafarer II* will be assembled at the works of the De Havilland Company of Canada.

**Gordon Bennett Balloon Race**

THE race for the Gordon Bennett Trophy started on Saturday, September 2, from the Curtiss Wright Reynolds Airport, Chicago. Lt. Com. T. G. W. Settle, of the United States Navy, the winner of last year's contest, heads the list of entrants. France is represented by George Blanchet and George Ravase, Belgium by Philippe Querson and Marcel Van Schelle, Poland by Capt. Francischek and Lt. Zybigniew Burzynski, and Germany by Richard Schurtze and Dr. Koerner. The French balloon came down in a field six miles south of Albion, Michigan.

**Balloon Record Claim**

A NEW balloon record is claimed by three Essen balloonists, Balbas, Dahl, and Popp, who say that they have reached a height of 36,000 ft.

**Col. Lindbergh Visits Stockholm**

COL. AND MRS. LINDBERGH arrived by air in Stockholm on Monday, September 4, and were met by the Chief of the Swedish Air Force and the American Minister. While in Denmark Col. Lindbergh and his wife had the honour of being received by the King and Queen of Den-

mark, and later when they crossed into Sweden had lunch with the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden.

**The British Gliding Association**

THE British Gliding Association have decided to hold a Gliding Meeting on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, at Sutton Bank site, Yorkshire. The object of this Meeting is to hold contests, for the "Wakefield"



OUR AIR-MINDED PREMIER: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald alighting from a "Dragon" at Aldergrove, Ulster, after a flight from Lossiemouth on August 30 to visit the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry. He returned to Hendon on September 3 in a R.A.F. machine.