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ROYAL AIR FORCE APPOINTMENT

The following appointment has been made:-

Air Commodore Sturley Philip Simpson, C.B.E., M.C. Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. station, Gibraltar, to be acting Air Vice-Marshal, Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. station, Gibraltar.

Air Vice-Marshal Simpson has been Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. station, Gibraltar, since December, 1941. Previously he commanded a group in Coastal Command, from July, 1938, following administrative duties at Cranwell.

Born at Wadhurst, Ticehurst, Kent, in 1896, he was educated at Dulwich College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He began his service career as rifleman in the London Regiment in 1914. In 1915, he was commissioned in the Bedford Regt. and seconded to the R.F.C. in 1916, and permanently commissioned in the R.A.F. in 1926. He attained the rank of Air Commodore last year.

He has served overseas in France, Germany, Iraq and Middle East. He was awarded the M.C. (Kurdistan) 14.5.26. and C.B.E. (Mil) 1.1.42.

NOTE:- Picture available at B.I.P.P.A.