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## My Dear Sir (or Madam)

by 'Yours Sincerely'



### Four Jobs on a Yacht

"I have four good jobs going, all connected with yachting, and all providing capital. Should they suit any of your readers, will you kindly forward to me any applications they may make?"

"First, I need an experienced marine engineer to help me instal two major diesel engines and two auxiliaries. The right man would live aboard and get £6 a week plus £100 when the job is done.

"Second, I need an experienced carpenter to help me re-arrange the accommodation. The same terms would apply.

"Third, I will offer a seven year cruise round the world with my wife and myself, to two boys of 14. Their parents' consent is essential. They would live abroad, all found, and be trained as marine engineers. They would receive their keep and adequate pocket money, plus an increasing number of Savings Certificates each year until at 21 they have £200. They must be tough and not be afraid of work."

ADVENTURE

### An Aircraft Booklet

"I read with interest an article in 'AIR MAIL' putting forward the idea of devoting a page to aircraft from the time of their birth. Good idea, but I believe a better plan would be to publish a small booklet, once per month, containing shots and details as to performance of all aircraft from the beginning of heavier than air machines."

R. L. COTTON

### R.A.F. Memorial

"I have passed on my copy of 'AIR MAIL' for the month of January, and therefore regret that I am unable to quote your correspondent in reference to the above subject. I do know that I would like to shake him by the hand. Bricks and mortar are useless unless there is something inside them to keep the spirit moving. We can mourn the loss of those of our comrades who gave their lives, without marble, granite and bronze.

"I am reminded that a certain section of the British public raised a million pounds after World War I and in that building to-day, not far from Air Ministry, is one of the world's greatest institutions to mankind. Its name is the Masonic Peace Memorial.

"We speak of a million members, let us also speak of a similar number of pounds sterling to raise our living memorial; a building where this Association can house its services, create the finest Services Club and hostel for serving and ex-service personnel of all ranks.

"Let all branches see to it that they raise living memorials in their own towns. This accomplished, the raising of a million should reach its peak long before the notification of the opening ceremony of the home of the Royal Air Force, of all time, as well as the home of the Association."

S.E.M., Bournemouth

*This is one of the many replies we have received supporting F/Sgt. W. F. Berry's suggestion of the R.A.F. Memorial taking the form of a Headquarters for this Association.*

### More Bible Thoughts

"I would most certainly support Dorothy Day's suggestion of 'Bible Wisdom,' or a religious article of some kind."

W.L.S.

"Please—whatever you do—don't take up this suggestion of Dorothy Day and W. Yellowley and include these 'Bible Thoughts.' Such articles would be quite out of place, would interest only very few readers, and would tend to reduce the level of 'AIR MAIL' to that of a parish magazine."

R. HEWITT

### Returning Warrior

"In this month's 'AIR MAIL' I was more than interested in reading a letter headed, 'The Returning Warrior finds . . .'" as it concerns myself, and others with me. I completed 18 years' service with the R.A.F. and on leaving I commenced work as a civilian with the Air Ministry. In August 1939 I was called up off reserve and in June 1945 was discharged or rather released and was re-instated, so I am working again under A.M. I have found as the "returning warrior" did, men who had never worn His Majesty's uniform, let alone R.A.F. In fact they boast about it and look at you as much as to say "I wasn't so silly as to join or be called up," and some of these have, to repeat your correspondent's words, jobs of foremen and charge hands."

A. J. HARRIS

### A Pension

"I have received your letter sent on from Epsom and I am very glad to know that owing to your efforts on my behalf, I am about to have a pension of 40/- a week. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my deepest thanks to you and your staff for all that has been done for me."

H. W. DUDLEY

### Do You Want These Too?

"I should like to see you print a feature entitled 'Were you there?' airmen's reminiscences of experiences on R.A.F. stations and surrounding characters. I'm sure it would make good reading for all ex and serving members."

EX L.A.C.

"I would like to suggest a sports page, giving details of successes worthy of mention, won by old comrades now in civvy street, and those still serving."

A. BROOMHEAD

"Items of general interest about the R.A.F. sometimes only taking up a couple of lines in the daily press, could be expanded or at least reprinted in 'AIR MAIL.' For instance, the general press no longer prints the details of the trades due for release each month. We who are out are still interested in the fate of our former comrades."

J. B. ROSE

### Stop Press!

#### Liaison Officers Wanted

Three Liaison Officers required for North England, Midlands, and South East, and Wales and South West. Salary £350 plus expenses. Applicants should apply to branch secretaries. Essential they should be experienced in Association affairs, should be active, should live in the district, and should have a car. A great deal of travelling by night is essential.