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BOYD TROPHY PRESENTATION
AT LEE-ON-SOLENT

The Boyd Trophy, awarded annually for the most outstanding feat of aviation in the Royal Navy, will be presented to 802 and 825 Squadrons for their operational achievements in the Korean war zone by Rear-Admiral A.K. Scott-Moncrieff, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. at the R.N. Air Station, Lee-on-Solent on Wednesday, 11th March, 1953. It will be held by H.M.S. OCEAN, the light fleet carrier, from which the units operated in the Far East.

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The official citation stated ^{that} the offensive spirit, fine airmanship and courage shown by the pilots resulted in an outstanding performance and much damage to the enemy. In one period of 79 days flying, the squadrons averaged a daily sortie rate of 76.3, 123 sorties being the highest for one days operations.

The trophy will be handed by Admiral Scott-Moncrieff, who was Flag Officer 5th Cruiser Squadron and Second-in-Command, Far Eastern Station until September of last year, to Commander C.K. Roberts, R.N., formerly Commanding Officer of 825 Squadron and the senior of the ex-Commanding Officers of the two units. By Commander Roberts, it will be passed to Lieut-Commander R.P. Keogh, R.N., who now commands 825 Squadron and is the senior Commanding Officer. 802 Squadron is commanded by Lieut-Commander D.M. Steer, R.N.

The Fifth Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral E.W. Anstice, C.B., will be present at the ceremony and among the guests will be Captain C.G.L. Evans, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., Captain of H.M.S. OCEAN for the period covered by the award.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Press representatives wishing to attend the presentation ceremony should arrive at R.N. Barracks, Lee-on-Solent by 11.30 a.m. Passes can be obtained from the Department of the Chief of Naval Information, Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1. (Whitehall 9000, Ext. 798).

Admiralty, S.W.1.
6th March, 1953.

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