

Ridgemoat Hotel,
South Famborough
22-7-31 Plants.

My dearest Mother,

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With love

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DIRECTOR OF AIRSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

GROUP CAPTAIN W. C. HICKS
APPOINTED

The Air Ministry announces that the Directorate of Airship Development was transferred from Cardington to the Air Ministry on July 1, 1931.

Group Captain W. C. Hicks, A.F.C., has been appointed Director of Airship Development with effect from that date, and will be responsible, under the Air Member of Council for Supply and Research, for all airship matters, including development, experiment, and research (the last named in cooperation with the Director of Scientific Research), and for the administration of the Royal Airship Works and other airship bases. He will also be responsible for the development of kite balloons.

The Royal Airship Works, Cardington, which will be in charge of a superintenden, will be an outstation establishment coming directly under the Director of Airship Development, Air Ministry. Squadron Leader S. Nixon, O.B.E., Dr. H. R. Cox, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.F.R.Ae.S., and Squadron Leader R. S. Booth, A.F.C. (captain of R 100) have been appointed respectively Superintendent, Chief Technical Officer, and Officer in Charge of Flying and Flying Training at the Royal Airship Works.

The midnight performance of *The Love Game* at the Prince of Wales Theatre, in aid of the Oak Hill Journalists' Home, will now be given on Thursday, August 6, instead of on July 24.

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Your own son

Harold