

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *September*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY was this day pleased to make the following Declaration.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

MY LORDS,

I declare that the present state of Public Affairs and the extent of the demands on Our Air Forces constitute a case of great emergency within the meaning of the Statutes severally enabling Me in that behalf.

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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

FOR CALLING OUT THE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND EMBODYING THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the Air Force Reserve and to the officers and men thereof by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924, it is, amongst other things, enacted that in case of imminent national danger or of great emergency it shall be lawful for Us by Proclamation, the occasion being declared in Council and notified by the Proclamation if Parliament be not then sitting, to order that the Air Force Reserve shall be called out on permanent service; and by any such Proclamation to order a Secretary of State from time to time to give and, when given, to revoke or vary such directions as may seem necessary or proper for calling out the said force or all or any of the men belonging thereto:

And whereas Parliament is not sitting, and whereas We have declared in Council and hereby notify that the present state of public affairs and the extent of the demands on Our Air Forces for the protection of the interests of the Empire constitute a case of great emergency within the meaning of the said Act, as so applied:

And whereas by the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as applied to the Auxiliary Air Force and to the officers and men of that Force by the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924, it is amongst other things enacted that immediately upon and by virtue of the issue of a Proclamation ordering the Air Force Reserve to be called out on permanent service, it shall be lawful for Us to order Our Air Council from time to time to give and, when given, to revoke or vary such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the Auxiliary Air Force, and in particular to make such special arrangements as they think proper with regard to units or individuals whose services may be required in other than an air force capacity:

Now, therefore, We do, in pursuance of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as so applied, hereby order that Our Air Force Reserve be called out on permanent service, and We do hereby order the Right Honourable Sir Kingsley Wood, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, from time to time to give and, when given, to revoke or

vary such directions as may seem necessary or proper for calling out Our Air Force Reserve or all or any of the men belonging thereto:

And We do hereby further order Our Air Council from time to time to give and, when given, to revoke or vary such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the Auxiliary Air Force, and in particular to make such special arrangements as they think proper with regard to units or individuals whose services may be required in other than an air force capacity.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace this First day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and in the Third year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

FOR CONTINUING AIRMEN IN AIR FORCE SERVICE.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by the Air Force Act it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Us in case of imminent national danger or of great emergency by Proclamation, the occasion being if Parliament be not then sitting declared by the Proclamation, to order that the airmen who would otherwise be entitled, in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment or re-engagement to be transferred to the Reserve shall continue in Air Force service, and by any such Proclamation to order Our Air Council from time to time to give and, when given, to revoke or vary such directions as may seem necessary or proper for causing all or any of the airmen mentioned in the Proclamation to continue in Air Force service, and such airmen shall accordingly continue to serve in Air Force service for the same period for which they might be required to serve if they had been transferred to the Reserve and called out for permanent service by a Proclamation issued by Us under the enactments relating to the Reserve:

And whereas Parliament is not sitting, and whereas the present state of public affairs and the extent of the demands on Our Air Forces for the protection of the interests of the Empire constitute a case of great emergency within the meaning of the said Act:

Now, therefore, We do, in pursuance of the said Act, hereby order that all airmen who on or after this date would otherwise be entitled in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment or re-engagement to be transferred to the Reserve shall continue in Air Force service until legally discharged or transferred to the Air Force Reserve:

And We do hereby order Our Air Council to give all necessary directions herein accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this First day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the Third year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.