



# R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve



**M**ORE than four thousand men are under training at the forty Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve centres in Great Britain. These photographs, taken at Gatwick Airport, Surrey, one of the London Pilot Section centres, show (top left) Record Board of pupils' flying times and practices being marked up; (top right) training aeroplanes, pupils and instructors; (bottom right) machine gun instruction; (bottom centre) pupils bringing in an elementary training aeroplane; (bottom left) a lesson in air navigation, and (left) practice with a Vickers machine gun.

In addition to the Pilot Section of the R.A.F.V.R. there is an Equipment Branch, Aircraft Crew section (which trains air observers, wireless operators and air gunners), a Ground Section, and, for London, a Meteorological Section.

Members of the Volunteer Reserve undergo a period of continuous training each year, and those in the Pilot Section are encouraged to spend six months with a regular R.A.F. Squadron as soon as they have passed the necessary examinations. Under new arrangements made between the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Labour, men with flying experience previously excluded from joining the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve as pilots because of their employment in a "Reserved" occupation are now eligible to join.



When making application they should state fully, on Form E.D. 60 (obtainable from any Employment Exchange or Post Office), their flying experience, the licence they hold or have held, and whether they have at any time served as pilots with the R.A.F., its Reserves or Auxiliaries.

Age limits and terms of service vary with the different branches. Intending applicants who cannot obtain information locally concerning the Volunteer Reserve should apply to the Air Officer Commanding, Reserve Command, Hendon, London, N.W.9.

