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## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

### ARJUN SINGH'S NEW APPOINTMENT

#### TO BE AOC OPERATIONAL COMMAND

New Delhi, December 15. - Group Captain Arjun Singh, DFC, has been granted the rank of Air Commodore and appointed Air Officer Commanding, IAF Operational Command. He takes over from Air Commodore A.L. Engineer, DFC, who is shortly proceeding to England to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College, Air HQ have announced.

Commissioned in the Indian Air Force in 1939, Arjun Singh joined No.1 IAF Squadron and saw action in the North West Frontier - operational nursery of practically all senior IAF officers. Later, he led the same squadron in the Arakan and Burma air operations. For being "a fearless and exceptional pilot with a profound knowledge of his specialised branch of tactical reconnaissance, and an inspiring Squadron Commander", he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

At the end of world-war II, he was given command of the IAF display Flight which toured India, and later commanded the Air Force Stations at Kohat and Risalpur. After partition, promoted to the rank of Group Captain, he became the first Commanding Officer of the Advanced Flying School (now No.1 Air Force Academy). In 1948, he became Director of Training at Air HQ, and in November last year, he was selected to attend a course at the Joint Services Staff College at Latimore, England, from where he returned lately.

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